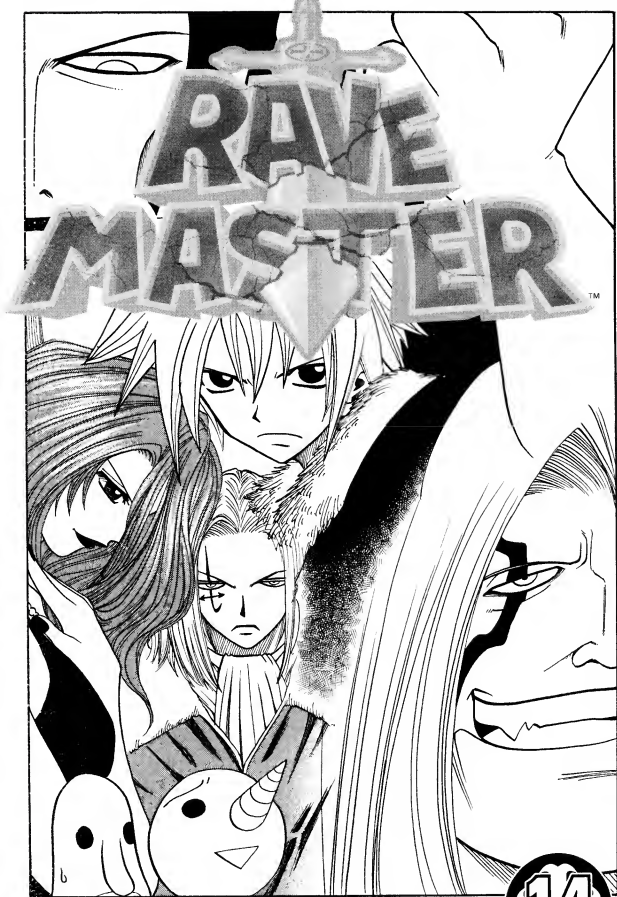


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THE RAVE MASTER CREW

HARU GLORY

A small-town boy turned savior of the world. As the **Rave Master** (the only one capable of using the holy weapon RAVE), Haru set forth to find the missing Rave Stones and defeat Demon Card. He fights with the **Ten Powers Sword**, a weapon that takes on different forms at his command. With Demon Card seemingly out of the way, Haru now seeks the remaining two Rave Stones in order to open the way to Star Memory.

ELIE

The girl without memories. Elie joined Haru on his quest when he promised to help her find out about her past. She's cute, spunky and loves gambling and shopping in equal measures. Locked inside of her is the power of **Etherion**.

RUBY

A "penguin-type" sentenoid, Ruby loves rare and unusual items. After Haru saved him from Pumpkin Doryu's gang, Ruby agreed to sponsor Haru's team in their search for the ultimate rare treasures: the Rave Stones!

GRIFFON KATO (GRIFF)

Griff is a loyal friend, even if he is a bit of a coward. His rubbery body can stretch and change shape as needed. Griff's two greatest pleasures in life are mapmaking and peeping on Elie.

MUSICA

A "**Silverclaimer**" (an alchemist who can shape silver at will) and a former street punk who made good. He joined Haru for the adventure, but now that Demon Card is defeated, does he have any reason to stick around?

LET

A member of the Dragon Race, he was formerly a member of the Demon Card's Five Palace Guardians. He was so impressed by Haru's fighting skills and pureness of heart that he made a truce with the Rave Master. After passing his Dragon Trial, he gained a human body, but his blood is still Dragon Race.

PLUE

The **Rave Bearer**, Plue is the faithful companion to the Rave Master. In addition to being Haru's guide, Plue also has powers of his own. When he's not getting Haru into or out of trouble, Plue can be found enjoying a sucker, his favorite treat.

THE ORACION SIX

Demon Card's six generals. Haru defeated Shuda after finding the **Phase of Wisdom**. The other five generals were presumed dead after King destroyed Demon Card Headquarters.

THE STORY SO FAR...

While Demon Card and the Oracion Six gather their forces in preparation for their search for **Sinclair**, the five true Dark Brings, Haru and his friends travel South to find the fourth **Rave Stone**. There they befriend **Celia**, a mermaid, who tells them of an ongoing genocide of their people being committed by the **Onigami**, a race of water-dwelling warriors. The Onigami leader has allied himself with **Pumpkin Doryu**, the commander of the **Ghost Attack Squad**, and together the two villains have created one of the most destructive weapons in existence—a weapon that is powered by the magic found within all merpeople. Upon discovering this, Haru's group vows to put a stop to it, only to be attacked moments later by the Onigami navy.





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RAVE MASTER



RAVE:106  **INFILTRATING SYAORAN!**



I'LL
LURE
THEM
OFF.



MUSICA...
TAKE
CARE OF
CELIA.



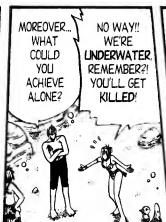
HARU...
YOU
HAVE A
PLAN?

YEAH.



LOOK... JUST
TRUST ME. IT'S
NOT LIKE I HAVEN'T
THOUGHT IT
THROUGH.

YEAH...
THIS
PLANK
WILL
DO.



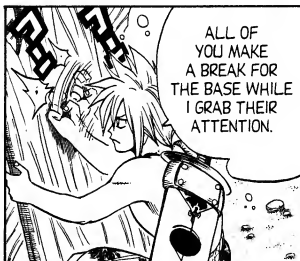
MOREOVER...
WHAT
COULD
YOU
ACHIEVE
ALONE?

NO WAY!!
WE'RE
UNDERWATER.
REMEMBER?!
YOU'LL GET
KILLED!

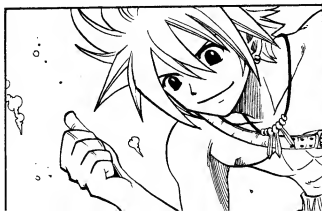
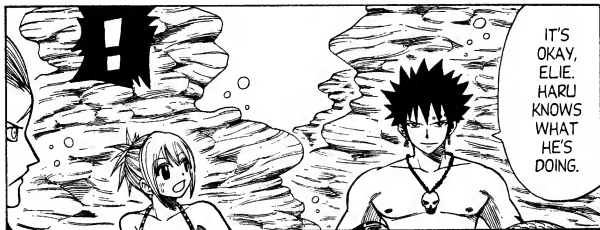


AND
THE TEN
POWERS
CAN'T WORK
UNDERWATER,
REMEMBER?

BUT
HARU--THAT
GUY ON THE
FISH LOOKS
A LOT
TOUGHER
THAN THE
LAST
GUY.



ALL OF
YOU MAKE
A BREAK FOR
THE BASE WHILE
I GRAB THEIR
ATTENTION.





YES,
SIR!

EYES
OPEN, MEN!
THEY'RE
AROUND
HERE
SOME-
WHERE...

✓ 31

03



LOOKIN'
FOR
SOMEONE?!



PBBT!



ボコッ ボコッ ボコッ
ボコッ



A
HUMAN?!



WHO DOES THIS GUY THINK HE IS?!

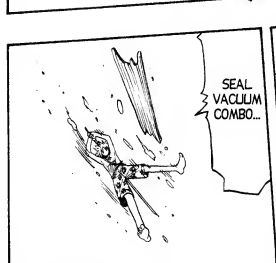
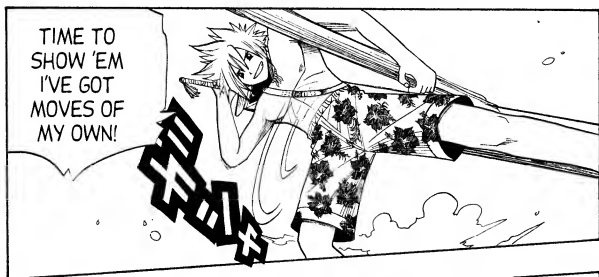


I HOPE HARU WILL BE OKAY...



MAYBE THIS WASN'T SUCH A BRIGHT IDEA AFTER ALL!





RUNE FORCE!!

!!!

BETTER
MAKE
THE
MOST
OF
IT...!

IT'LL
ONLY
HOLD
FOR TEN
SECONDS!

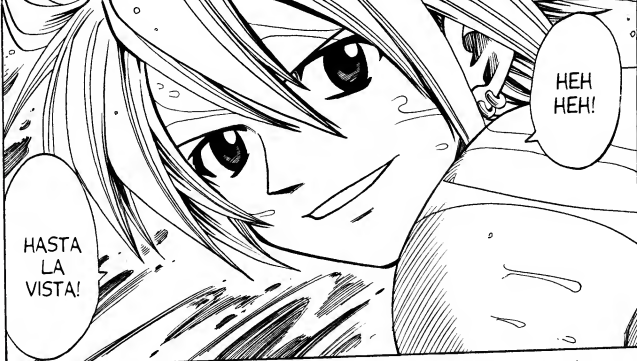
IS HE
SOME
KIND OF
WIZARD?

HE
CUT
THE
OCEAN?!

WH-
WHAT
THE--?!







HASTA
LA
VISTA!

HEH
HEH!



GET
BACK
HERE!

CURSE
YOU!



TIME'S
UP!!



THE
WATER'S
RETURNING
TO
NORMAL!!

EEEK!!

NO!!

WAAH!!

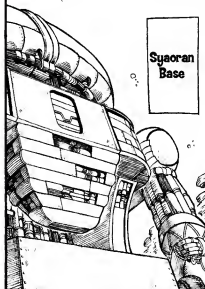


OH
CRAP...

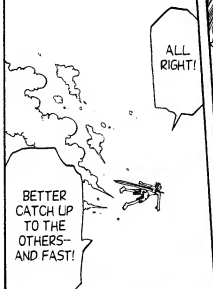
WH-
WHAT
THE--?!

**LIMIT
BREAK!!**





Syaoran Base



BETTER CATCH UP TO THE OTHERS-- AND FAST!

ALL RIGHT!



MISS CELIA, WHAT'S WRONG?

MMM...



Warehouse

I CAN'T BELIEVE WE MADE IT!

YES... THANKS TO HARU'S DIVERSION.

POUN



THE MERMAIDS ARE SOMEWHERE IN THIS BASE.

EVERYBODY, STAY SHARP. THIS PLACE IS PROBABLY CRAWLING WITH ONI THUGS.

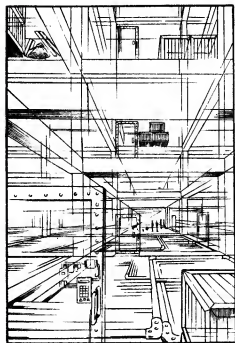
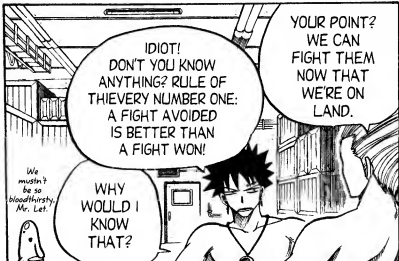


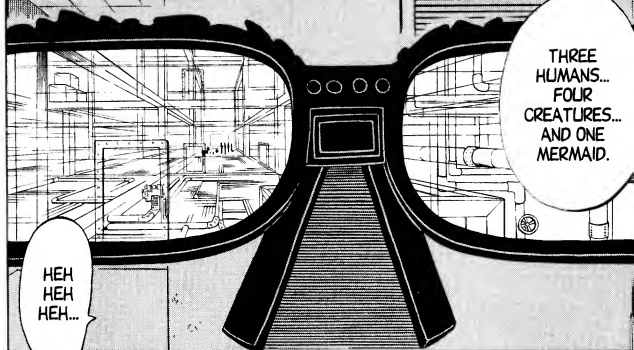
MMM... I JUST HOPE HARU'S ALL RIGHT.

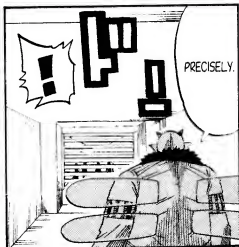
HARU AND CELIA ARE IN L-O-V-E!

I KNOW, POYO!! SHE'S WORRIED ABOUT HARU, POYO!!

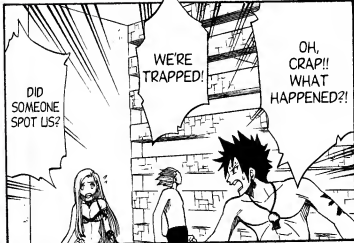
THEY ARE NOT IN LOVE!!







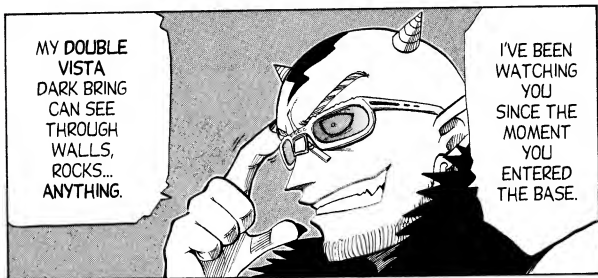
PRECISELY.



DID
SOMEONE
SPOT US?

WE'RE
TRAPPED!

OH,
CRAP!!
WHAT
HAPPENED?!



MY DOUBLE
VISTA
DARK BRING
CAN SEE
THROUGH
WALLS,
ROCKS...
ANYTHING.

I'VE BEEN
WATCHING
YOU
SINCE THE
MOMENT
YOU
ENTERED
THE BASE.



YOU
KNOW
WHAT!!

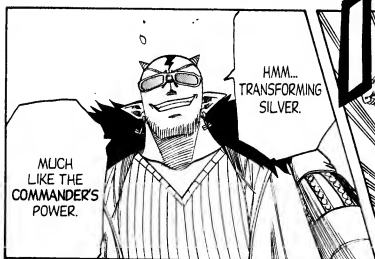
SET MY
MERMAID
FRIENDS
FREE!!



SO WHAT
BRINGS YOU HERE,
SNEAKING AROUND
LIKE MICE?



THAT'S...
REALLY
PERVERSED.





DAMN.



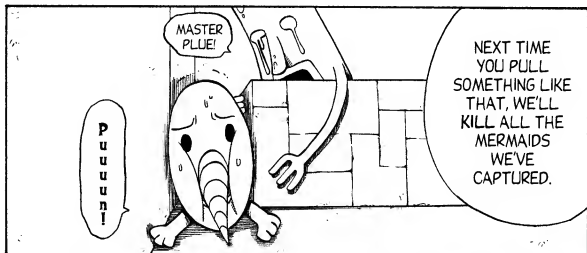
WHEN
DID HE...?
WHAT'S
GOING
ON...?!



NOW,
NOW. BE NICE
PRISONERS.



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MASTER
PLUE!

Puuuun!

NEXT TIME
YOU PULL
SOMETHING LIKE
THAT, WE'LL
KILL ALL THE
MERMAIDS
WE'VE
CAPTURED.



WE
CAN'T LET
THEM KNOW
ABOUT HIM.

HARU
MIGHT BE
THE ONLY
ONE WHO
CAN GET
US OUT OF
THIS.

YEAH.

RIGHT,
POYO. VERY
IMPORTANT.
POYO.

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ウン



IF
YOU'RE
LUCKY,
WE'LL GIVE
YOU A QUICK
DEATH.

YOU
SHOULD
PLAY NICE,
THEN.



THAT'S...

HORRIBLE!



THAT'S
RIGHT, POYO!!
OUR FRIEND
HARU IS
DEFINITELY
NOT COMING
TO HELP
US, POYO!!



RAVE MASTER

The Driving Song

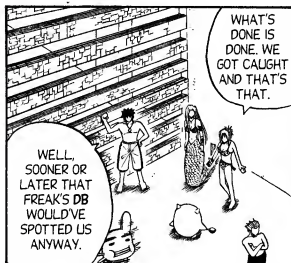
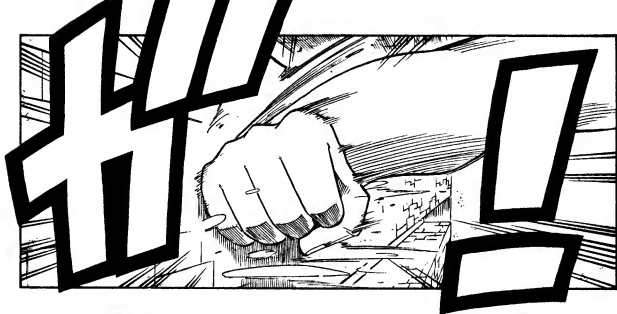
Pupupupupuuun

Puppupupuuun

Puuupuuupuuun

Pupupupupupun

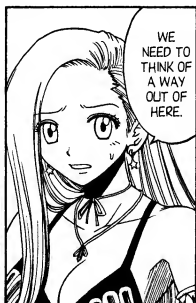
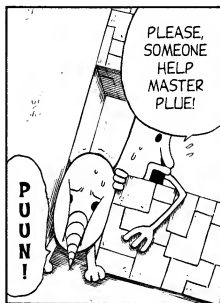
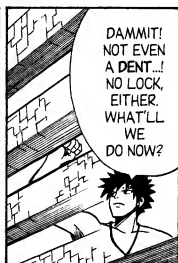


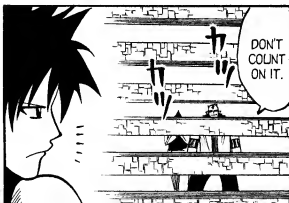
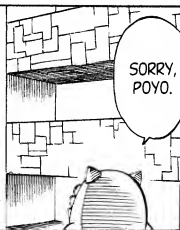


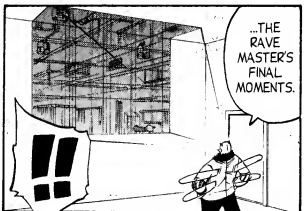
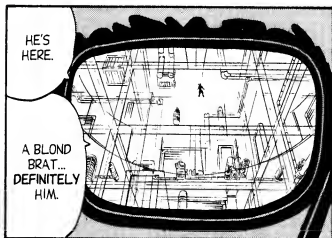
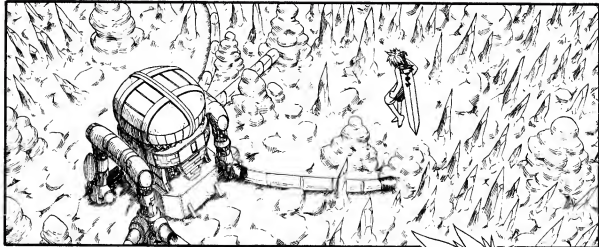
WHAT'S DONE IS DONE. WE GOT CAUGHT AND THAT'S THAT.

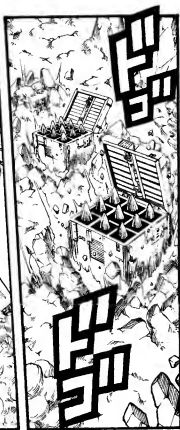
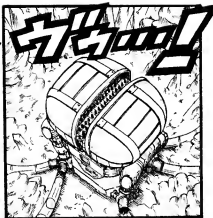
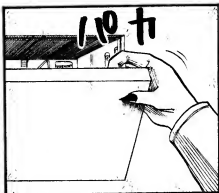


I'M SORRY, POYO.

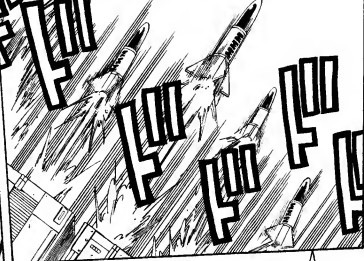


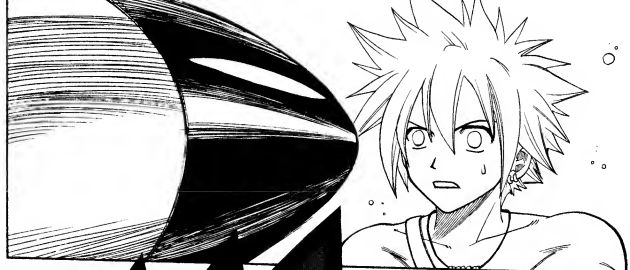


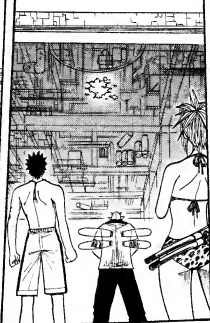




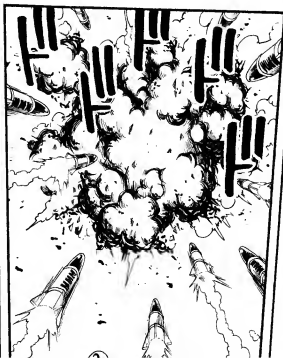






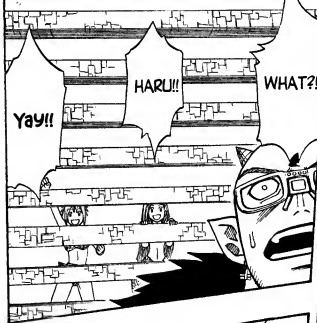


IN
THE
END...



SO
MUCH
FOR
THE
"RAVE
MASTER."

GAME
OVER.



Yay!!

HARU!!

WHAT?!



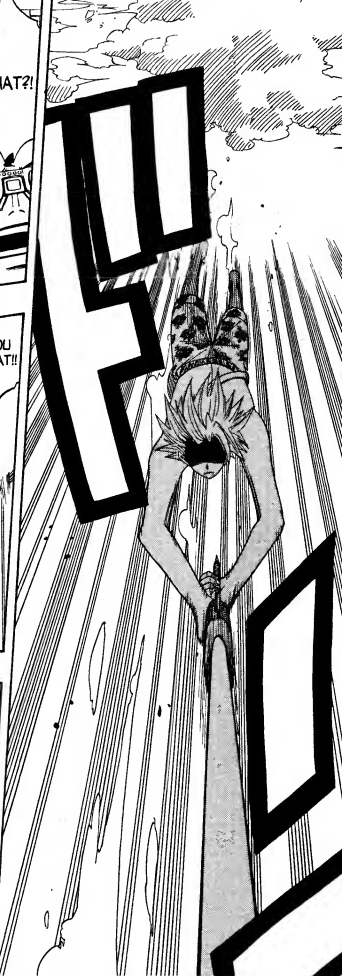
WHAT'S...
THAT
VOICE?

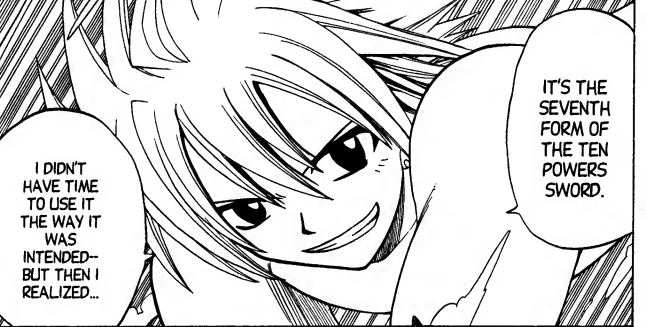
IMPOSSIBLE!!
HUMANS
CAN'T MOVE
AT THAT
SPEED
UNDERWATER!!

YOU
BRAT!!



WHAT'S
THE MEANING
OF THIS,
RAVE MASTER?!
HOW CAN
YOU MOVE
SO FAST?!



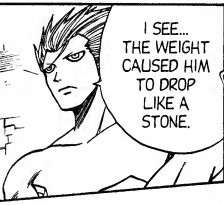


I DIDN'T
HAVE TIME
TO USE IT
THE WAY IT
WAS
INTENDED—
BUT THEN I
REALIZED...

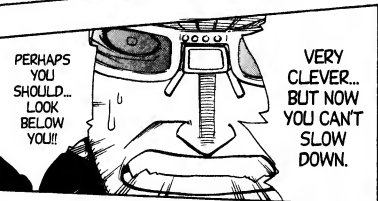
IT'S THE
SEVENTH
FORM OF
THE TEN
POWERS
SWORD.



WOW!!
YOU'RE
GOOD,
HARU!

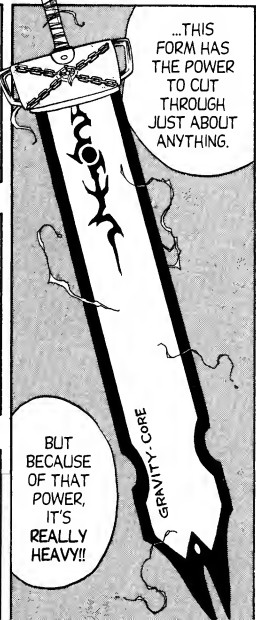


I SEE...
THE WEIGHT
CAUSED HIM
TO DROP
LIKE A
STONE.



PERHAPS
YOU SHOULD...
LOOK
BELOW
YOU!!

VERY
CLEVER...
BUT NOW
YOU CAN'T
SLOW
DOWN.



...THIS
FORM HAS
THE POWER
TO CUT
THROUGH
JUST ABOUT
ANYTHING.

BUT
BECAUSE
OF THAT
POWER,
IT'S
REALLY
HEAVY!!

GRAVITY-CORE



SEVENTH
FORM--
GRAVITY
CORE!!

HARU!!

ALL
RIGHT!! I'LL
USE THIS
SWORD THE
WAY IT WAS
INTENDED...



HEH
HEH
HEH...

WHY
YOU--!!



SO
THAT'S THE
POWER OF
RAVE...
INCREDIBLE!



NEVER
UNDER-
ESTIMATE
THAT GUY.



!

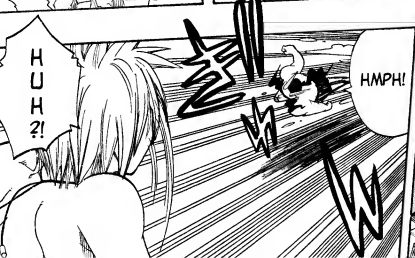
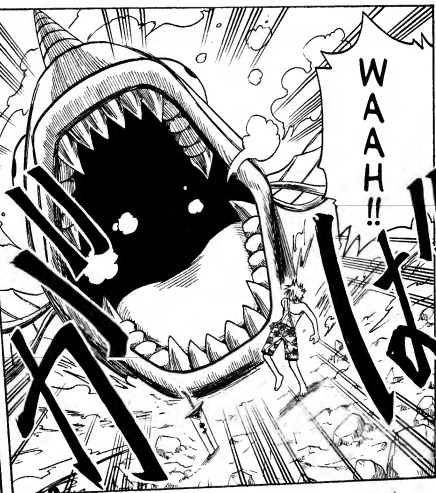
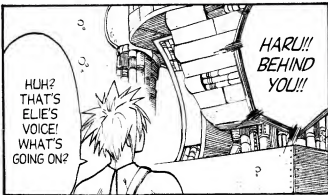


HEY!!



HEY!!
WHOEVER'S
IN THERE,
I'M COMIN'
IN!! I WANT
A WORD
WITH YOU!!

WHERE'S
THE
ENTRANCE
?!





GAWARA...



YOU'RE
THAT
JERK
FROM
BEFORE!!



GAAH!!



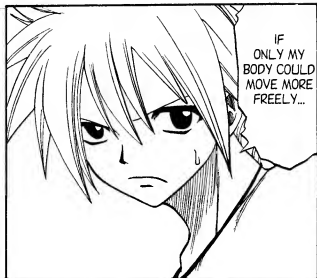
GAWARA,
YOU LISTENING?!
THAT'S THE
RAVE MASTER!
THE ONE THE
COMMANDER
WANTS
KILLED!

LEAVE
IT TO
ME.



DID
YOU REALLY
THINK THAT
WAS ENOUGH
TO DEFEAT
ME?

HMPH.



IF
ONLY MY
BODY COULD
MOVE MORE
FREELY...



STUPID
WATER!
THAT
SURPRISE
ATTACK
WOULD
NEVER FLY
ON LAND!



WHAT
THE-?!
MY
ARM!!

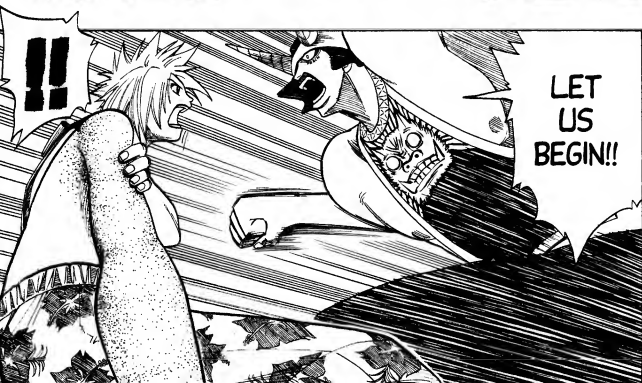


I CAN'T
MOVE
MY RIGHT
ARM!
NOT
GOOD...

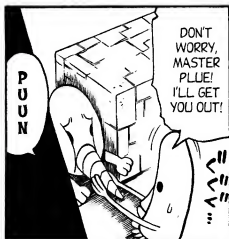
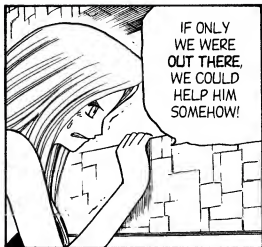


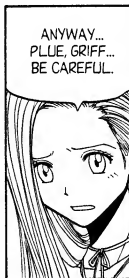
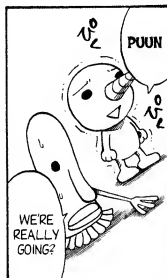
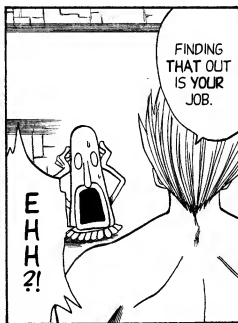
IT TURNS
WHATEVER
IT TOUCHES
INTO STONE.

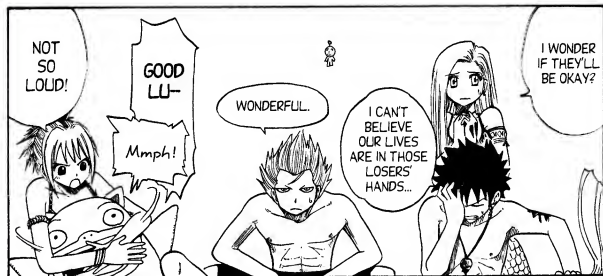
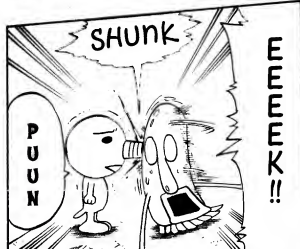
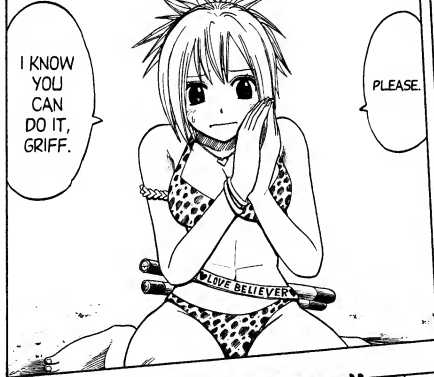
MY DARK
BRING,
STONE
ROSES.

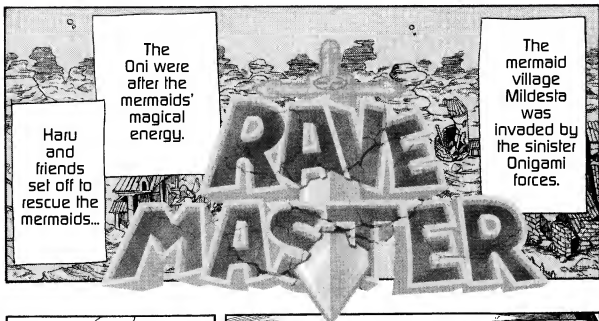


LET
US
BEGIN!!





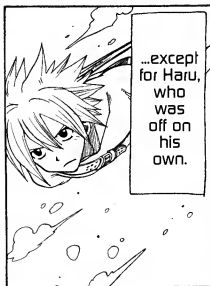




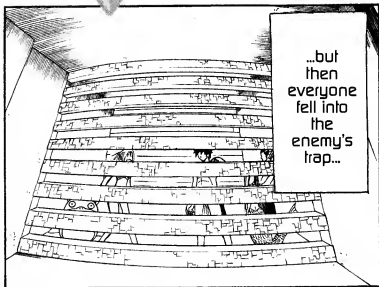
Haru and friends set off to rescue the mermaids...

The Oni were after the mermaids' magical energy.

The mermaid village Mildesta was invaded by the sinister Onigami forces.



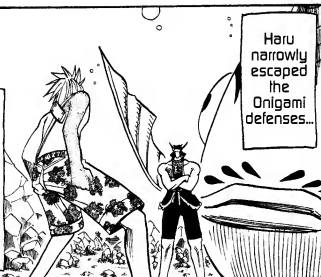
...except for Haru, who was off on his own.



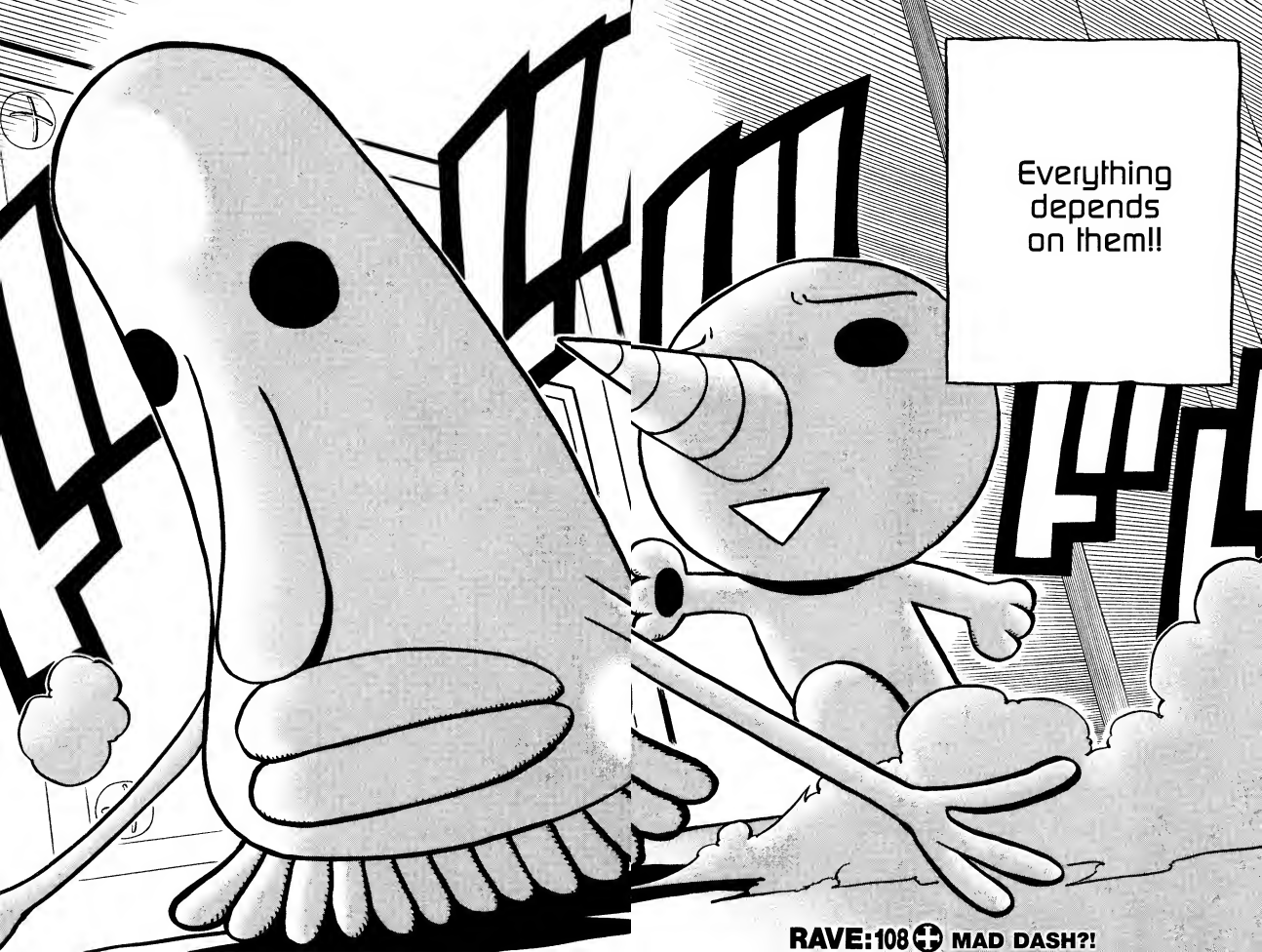
...but then everyone fell into the enemy's trap...

However... the fate of them all rests on the small shoulders of two creatures...

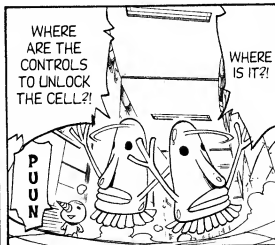
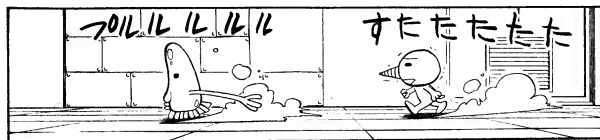
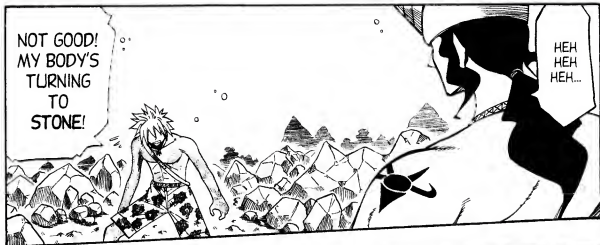
...but now he has to fight one of the Onigami's leaders, who is armed with a nasty Dark Bring.

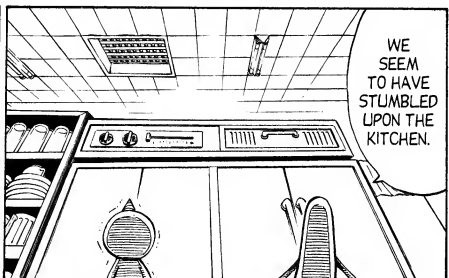
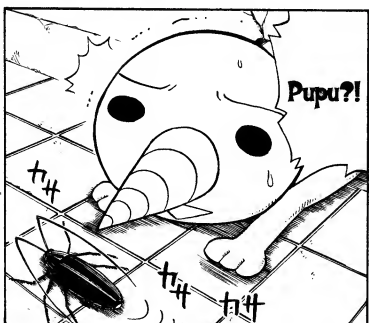
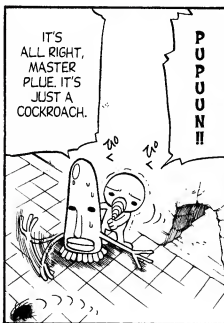
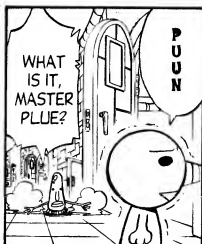


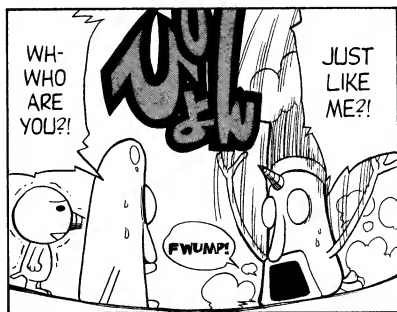
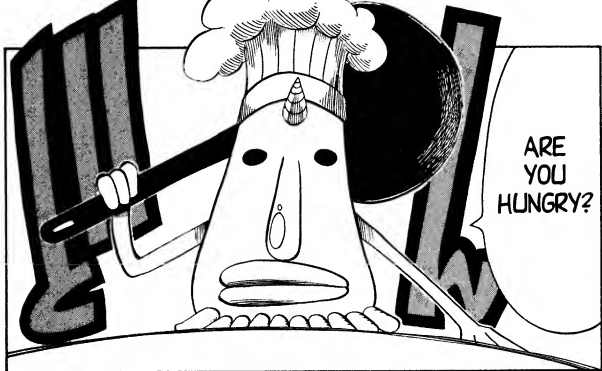
Haru narrowly escaped the Onigami defenses...

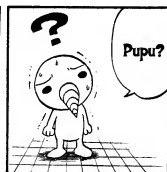
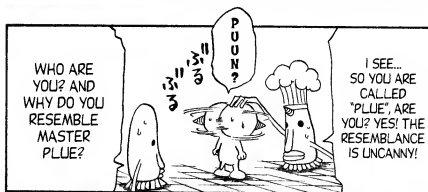
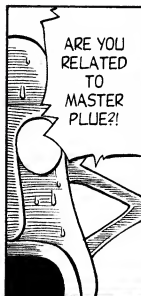


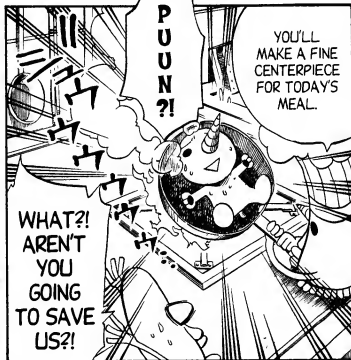
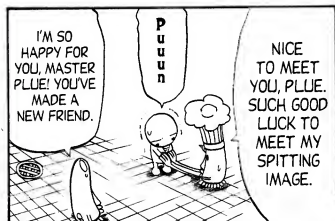
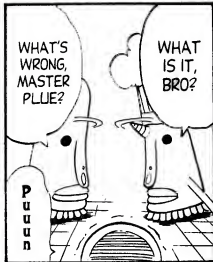
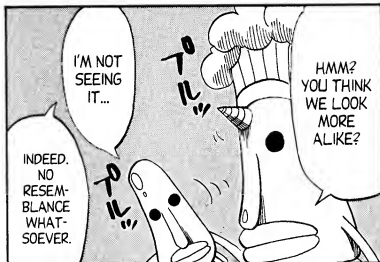
Everything
depends
on them!!













OOHHH!!



WHAT'S WRONG?!

I SEE...

A DOG.

BUT NOW, THANKS TO YOU, I'VE BEEN ABLE TO FINALLY FIND THE REAL ME!

I JUST ASSUMED I HAD TO BE AN ONI. I WAS CERTAIN OF IT.

ALL THIS TIME I'VE MISTAKEN MYSELF FOR AN ONI—ALL BECAUSE OF THIS HORN.

I'VE SPENT YEARS SEARCHING FOR MYSELF AND NOW I'VE FINALLY FOUND MY ANSWER!

SORRY... I'M GETTING SO SENTIMENTAL...

WAIT! FIRST I HAVE A QUESTION... WHAT KIND OF STRANGE LIFE FORM ARE YOU, GRIFF?

BEATS ME, THOUGH I DON'T THINK I'M A DOG.

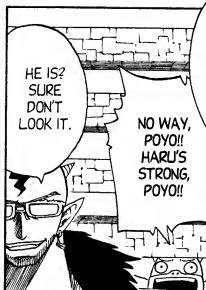
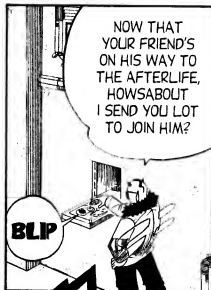
OF COURSE NOT! YOU LOOK NOTHING LIKE ONE!

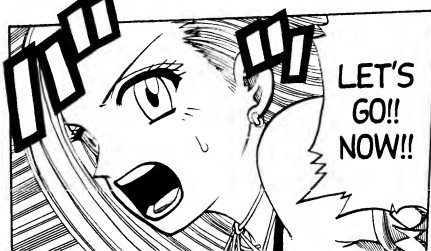
PUN!

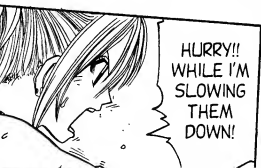
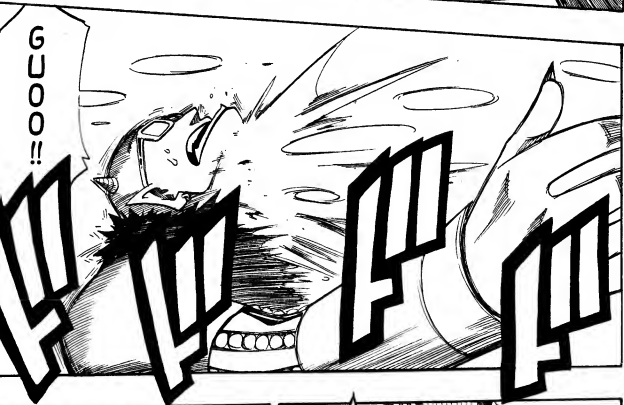
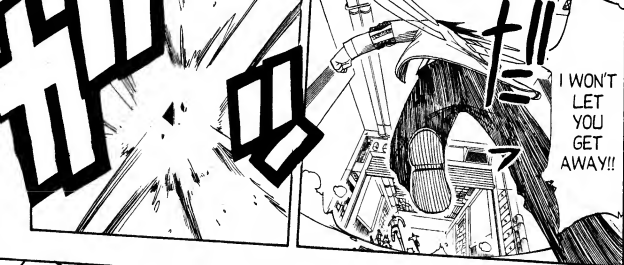
REALLY?! IN THAT CASE...

MY STRENGTH IS YOURS!!

IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO FOR YOU, TELL ME!









AFTER ALL...



LET !!

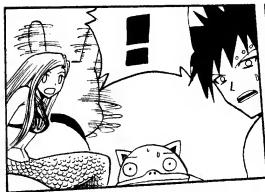
ザッザッザッ

FEAR NOT...
I SHALL
REMAIN
AS WELL.



I
TOLD
YOU!!

I CAN
FIGHT!!
I'M PART
OF THE
TEAM,
TOO!!



I
MISSED...?



...THERE
ARE TWO
OPPONENTS!



MUSICA...

GO.

CRACK

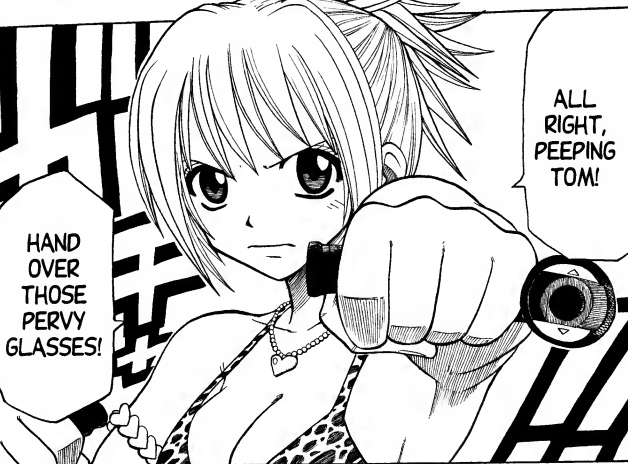
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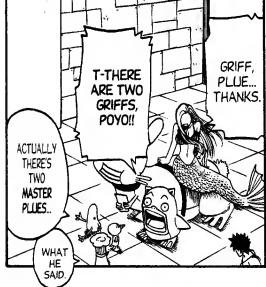


YOU
SENSED ME,
EVEN WITH
MY
"THROUGH
THE
WALL"
DARK BRING.



WELL
DONE.



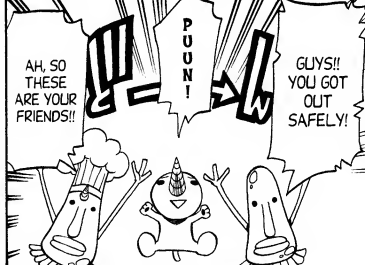


T-THERE ARE TWO GRIFFS, POYO!!

GRIFF, PLUE... THANKS.

ACTUALLY THERE'S TWO MASTER PLUES...

WHAT HE SAID.



AH, SO THESE ARE YOUR FRIENDS!!

PUN! N!

GUYS!! YOU GOT OUT SAFELY!



ALL RIGHT, THEN! LET'S GO HELP HARU!

WAIT!!



I HEARD ALL ABOUT THE TERRIBLE THINGS THE ONI HAVE DONE! I WANT TO HELP YOU GUYS!



SLOWING DOWN THE ENEMY!!

WHERE ARE ELIE AND LET?

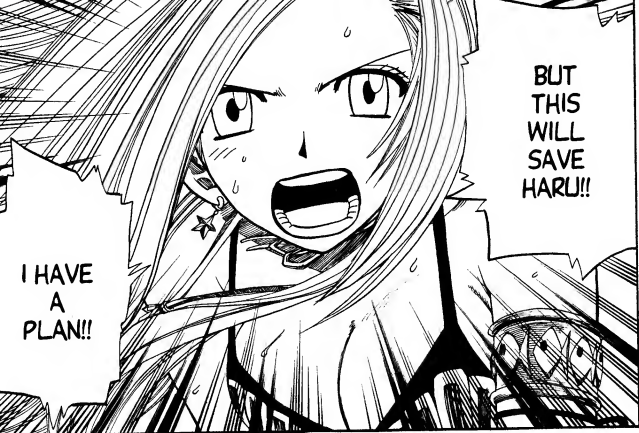
YOU AND GRIFF DEFINITELY LOOK ALIKE. POYO.



I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL, BUT HARU'S GONNA DIE OUT THERE IF WE DON'T HELP HIM!

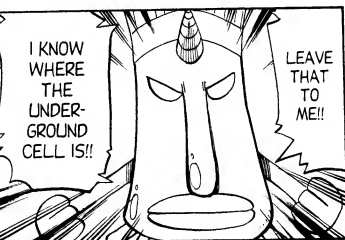


FIRST WE NEED TO SAVE THE MERMAIDS!



I HAVE
A
PLAN!!

BUT
THIS
WILL
SAVE
HARU!!



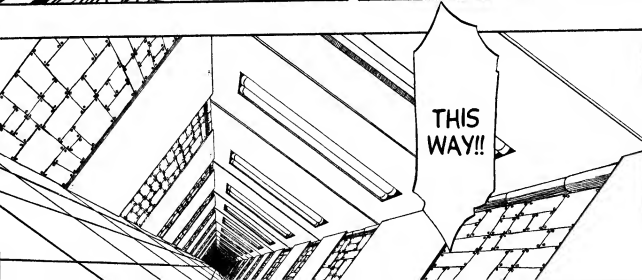
I KNOW
WHERE
THE
UNDER-
GROUND
CELL IS!!

LEAVE
THAT
TO
ME!!



BUT WE
DON'T KNOW
WHERE THE
MERMAIDS
ARE BEING
HELD, POYO!

EH?



THIS
WAY!!



YOU ARE
IMMOBILIZED.

ホッ
ホッ
ホッ

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RAVE
MASTER...
YOUR BODY
IS NOW
NINETY
PERCENT
STONE.

LIGH!

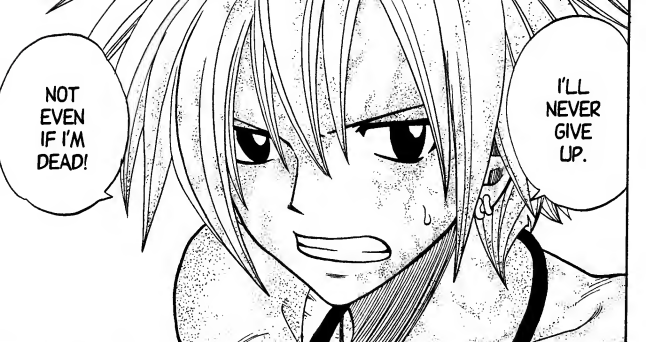
トッ
下ッ

THIS
FISH AIN'T
BITING.

SAVE
IT,
UGLY.

IF YOU DO...
INSTEAD OF
SMASHING YOU
TO RUBBLE, I'LL
ALLOW YOU TO
STAY A STATUE
FOR ALL
ETERNITY.

SURRENDER.



NOT
EVEN
IF I'M
DEAD!

I'LL
NEVER
GIVE
UP.



DAMMIT!!
I CAN'T
MOVE!!



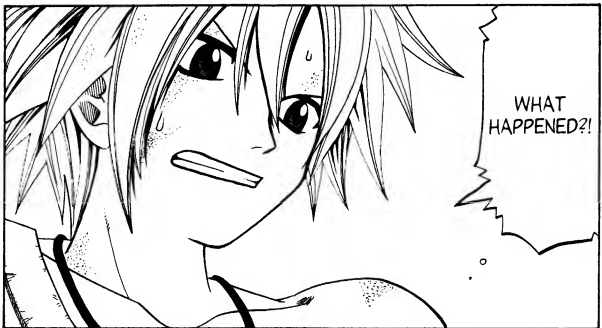
...YOUR
BODY
SHALL
CRUMBLE!!

VERY
WELL.
WITH
THIS
ATTACK...



GAH!!

REST
IN
PIECES!!





MY
BODY'S UN-
PETRIFYING!!

W-
WHAT'S
GOIN'
ON?!



WHY
AREN'T MY
STONE
ROSES
WORKING?!

IM...
IMPOSSIBLE!!



IT
COULDN'T
BE--!!

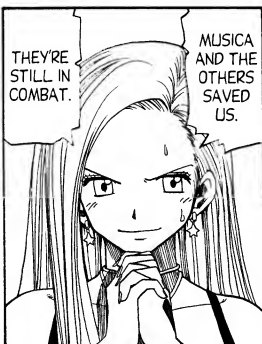


Y
E
A
H!!

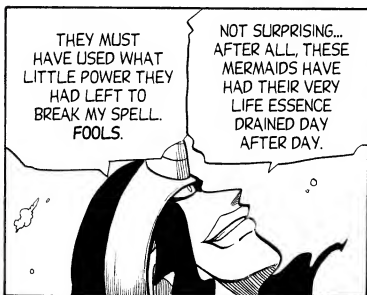
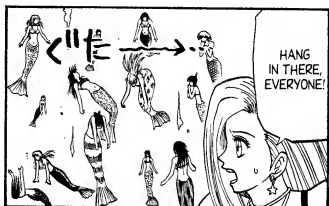
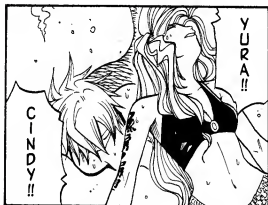


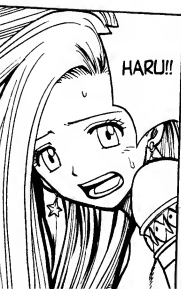
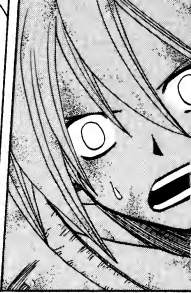
I CAN
FEEL MY
FINGERS
AGAIN...!

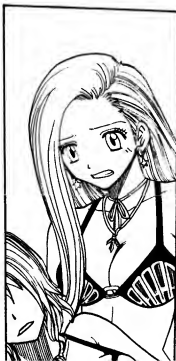
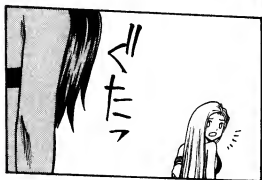
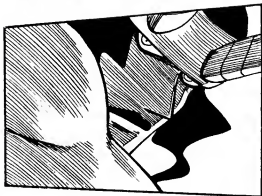


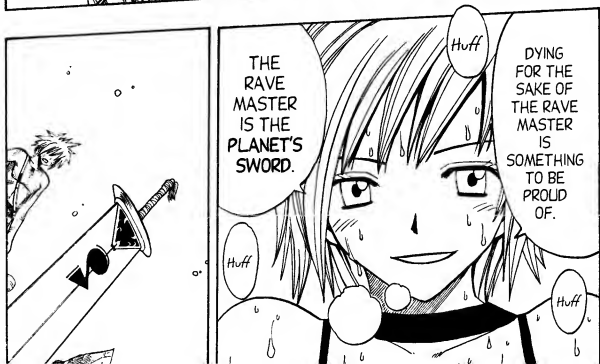
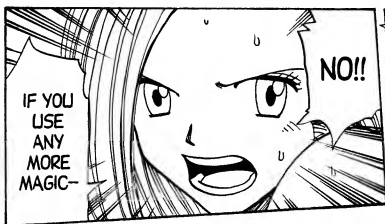


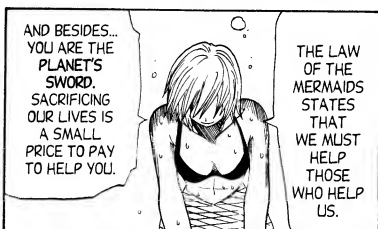
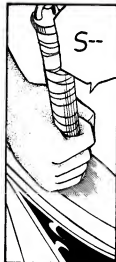
RAVE:109 ⊕ NO ONE'S GONNA DIE ON ME!!







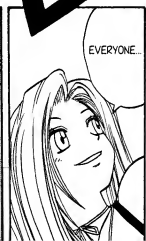






LIVES
SHOULDN'T
BE USED AS
CURRENCY
FOR A
DEBT!!

NO
ONE'S
LIFE IS
WORTH
THAT
KIND OF
SACRIFICE!!



EVERYONE...



JUST
KNOW THAT
WE WILL
LIVE ON
INSIDE OF
YOU.

THANK
YOU. YOUR
WORDS
ARE
NOBLE.



WHY
ARE
THEY
SAVING
ME?

WE
CAME TO
SAVE THE
MERMAIDS.

WHY
...?

WHY
THIS?

HE'S COM-
PLETELY
FREE
OF MY
SPELL!!

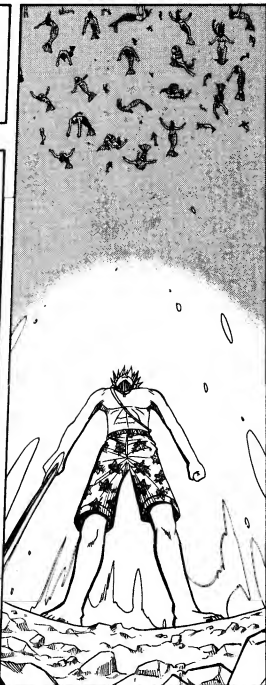
PEACH

WHAT?!

CURSES!
I SHOULD
HAVE KILLED
YOU FASTER!

WHY...?
WHY DID
THEY HAVE
TO DIE
FOR ME?

WHY
DID THIS
HAVE TO
HAPPEN...?





WHY?!



WHY'D
YOU DO
IT?



THAT BRAT...
IF I DON'T
KILL HIM NOW,
HE MIGHT
THREATEN THE
COMMANDER!



T-THAT
LOOK!
FILLED
WITH SUCH
INCREDIBLE
BLOODLUST!!

WH-WHAT'S
HAPPENING?!
MY BODY'S
SHAKING!



NO...

THAT'S
WRONG.

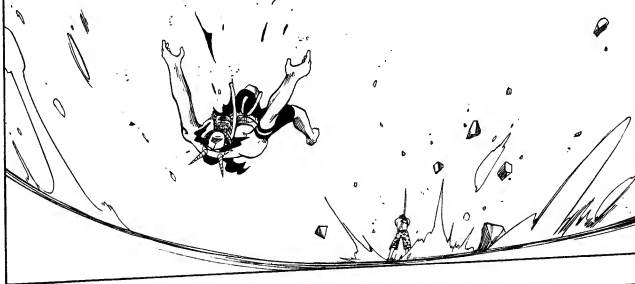


DYING
FOR THE
SAKE OF
PEACE?

DYING
SO THE
RAVE
MASTER
CAN LIVE?



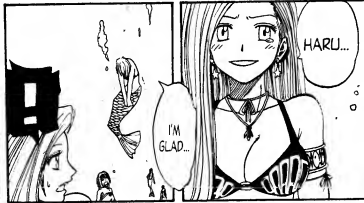
NO
ONE'S
GONNA
DIE!!

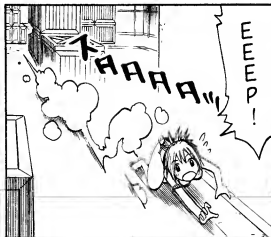
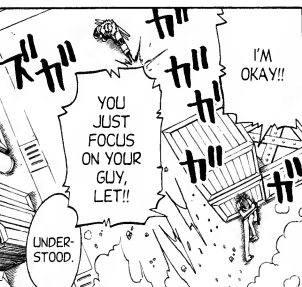


THIS BRAT'S
TRUE POWER...
IS IT ANGER?
REMORSE?
WHATEVER
IT IS, IT'S
INCREDIBLE!



IMPOSSIBLE!
MY DEFENSIVE
POWER IS SECOND
TO NONE, EVEN
AMONG ON!! HOW
COULD I FALL
FROM JUST ONE
ATTACK?!







OH
yeah...



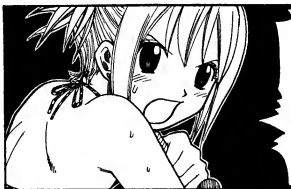
THAT'S MY
DOUBLE
VISTA DARK
BRING'S
POWER.



I CAN SEE
YOU NO
MATTER
WHERE
YOU ARE.



HEH
HEH
HEH...

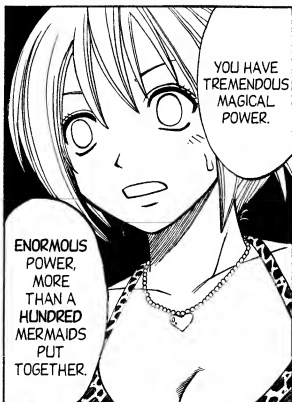
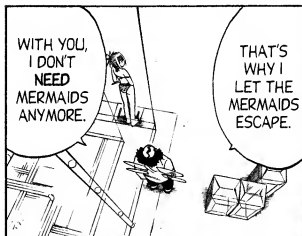
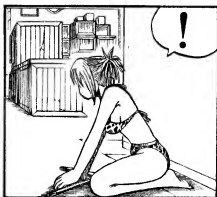
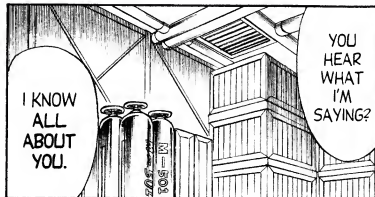


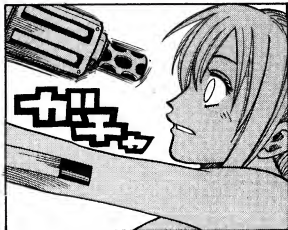
JEEZ!!
CAN'T A
GIRL HAVE
SOME
PRIVACY?!



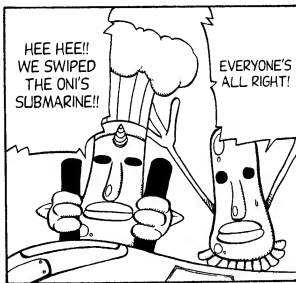
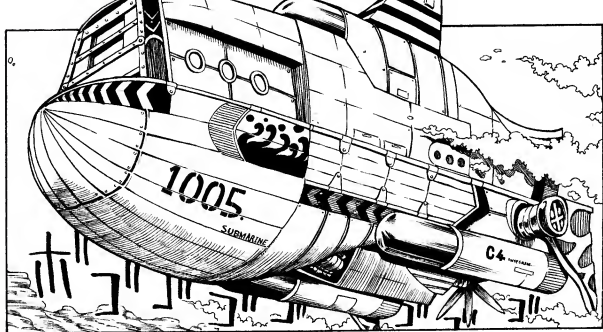
...I SEE
YOUR
STRENGTHS
AND
WEAKNESSES
AS WELL.

WITH MY
DOUBLE
VISTA DB,
I DON'T
JUST SEE
YOU...









...DRAINING
YOUR MAGIC
LIKE THAT
FOR A
WEAPON...

...THAT
I CAN'T
FORGIVE.

?

I'LL
PROMISE
YOU ONE
THING...

THANKS
EVERYONE,
REALLY.

I'LL
BE OKAY.
HARU'S
WITH ME.

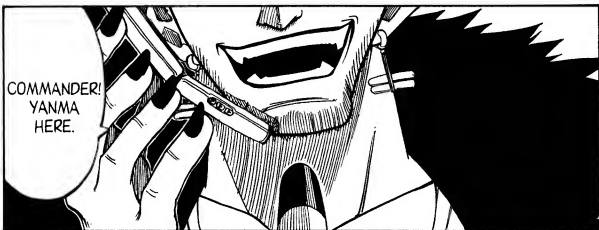


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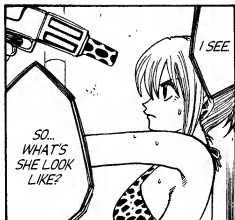
SEE
YOU IN
MILDESTA!







COMMANDER!
YANMA
HERE.



SO...
WHAT'S
SHE LOOK
LIKE?

I SEE

UH-HUH.
WE CAN
COMPLETE
THE
MERMAID
CANNON BY
DAY'S END.



I'VE
FOUND A
HUMAN GIRL
WHO HAS
MORE MAGIC
THAN A
HUNDRED
MERMAIDS.



HEH
HEH
HEH...

YOU
CAN'T
ESCAPE
US.



A REAL
BABE,
COMMANDER.
JUST YOUR
TYPE.



CAPTURE HER.
I'LL REACH
SYAORAN IN
FIVE.

CLICK

HA HA...
SOUNDS
LIKE
FUN.

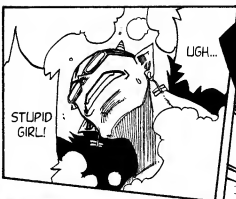


YOU
CAN'T
KILL
ME.

CLICK

YOU
HEARD
THE
BOSS.

NOW,
NOW... IF
YOU PULL
THAT
TRIGGER,
I'LL FIRE.



STUPID
GIRL!

UGH...



I TOLD
YOU--I'VE
SEEN
YOUR
WEAKNESS!!



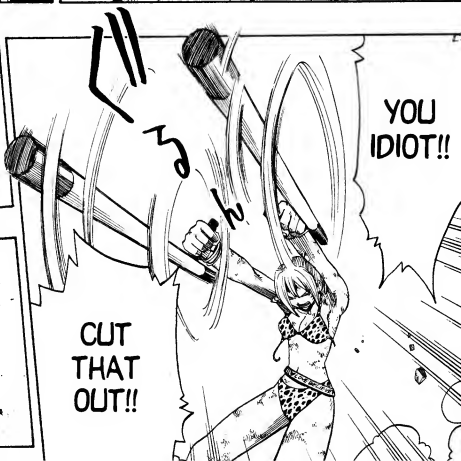
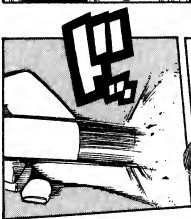
NOW
YOU'VE
REALLY
PISSED
ME OFF!!

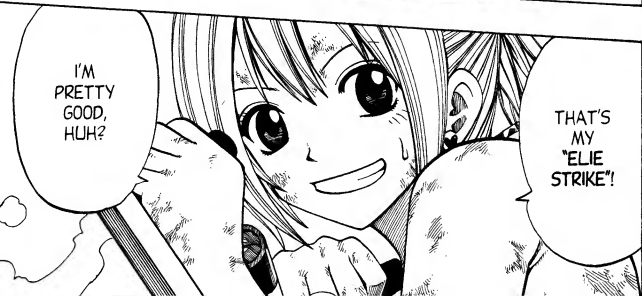


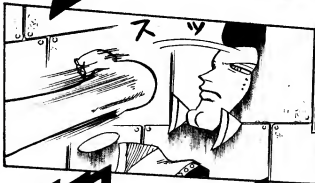
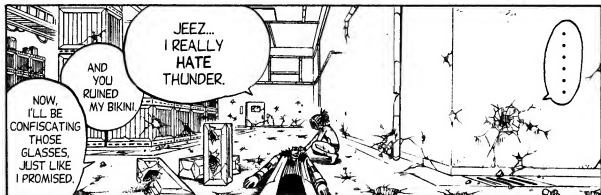
KYAAAAA!!

THUNDER
MOVE!!











HMPH...
I MAY
HAVE
MISSED
THAT
TIME...



NOT
EVEN
CLOSE.
IF YOU
DON'T
KNOW
WHERE I
AM, YOU
CAN'T
WIN.



...BUT I
DO
KNOW
WHERE
YOU
ARE!



HUMAN?
WHO SAID
I WAS
HUMAN?



I SEE.
YOU'RE NO
NORMAL
HUMAN.



I FELT
YOUR
PRESENCE.

GRR...



WH-
WHAT?!
HOW DID
YOU
KNOW?!



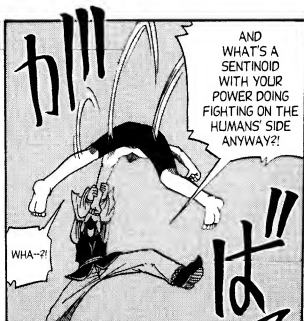
I AM
DRAGON
RACE!!

WHOA!!



YOU
SHOULD BE
ASHAMED
OF YOURSELF.

MISTAKING
ME FOR A
HUMAN...



AND
WHAT'S A
SENTINOID
WITH YOUR
POWER DOING
FIGHTING ON THE
HUMANS' SIDE
ANYWAY?!

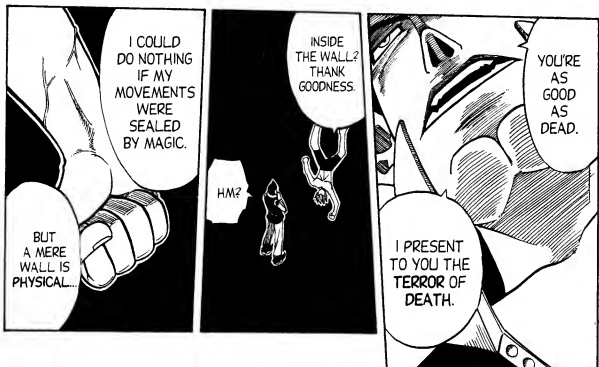
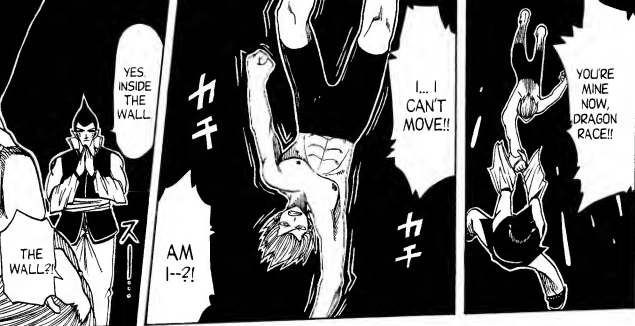
WHA--?!



WHAT
ARE YOU,
MY
MOTHER?

I SHOULD
BE
ASHAMED?







WH...
WHAT?!
THE
WALL...!!

HE'S A
MONSTER
!!



WITHOUT
WALLS
YOU HAVE
NOWHERE
TO RUN!



HUMAN...
MERMAID...
DRAGON
RACE...
ONI...

NO
ONE RACE
IS HIGHER
OR LOWER
THAN THE
OTHER.



W
A
H
!



EARTH
DRAGON
DUST!!



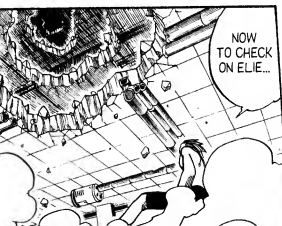
...AND
CAN BE
DESTROYED!!



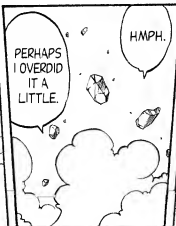
I WILL
POUND
REPENTANCE
INTO YOU!!



G
W
A
A
!!



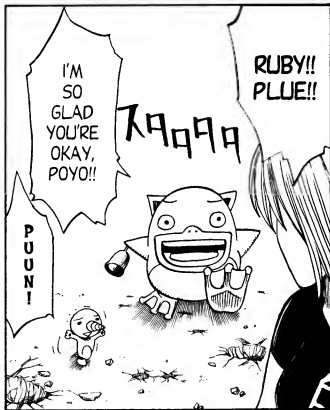
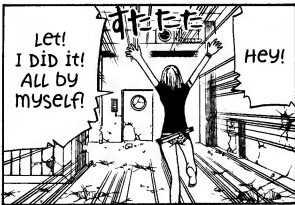
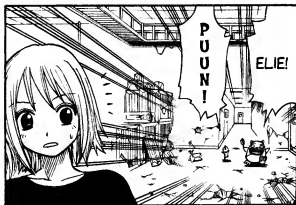
NOW
TO CHECK
ON ELIE...

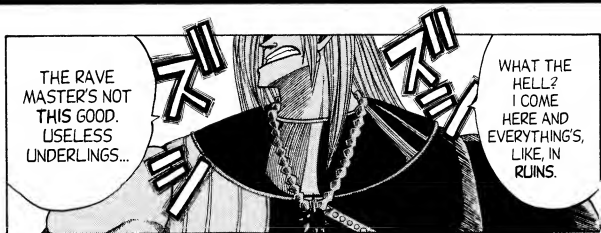


PERHAPS
I OVERDID
IT A
LITTLE.

HMPH.







THE RAVE
MASTER'S NOT
THIS GOOD.
USELESS
UNDERLINGS...

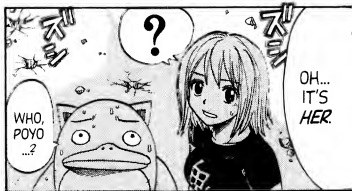
WHAT THE
HELL?
I COME
HERE AND
EVERYTHING'S,
LIKE, IN
RUINS.



W-WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?!
GET
AWAY
FROM
ELIE,
POYO!!

MM!!

YOU'RE
THE ONE
WITH THE
HUGE
MAGIC
POWER,
HUH?



WHO,
POYO
...?

?

OH...
IT'S
HER.



HUH?!
W-W-
WHY
ARE
Y-Y-YOU
...?!



IT'S
BEEN A
LONG TIME,
LITTLE
RUBY.



LET
HER--!!



STOP,
POYO!!

MM!!

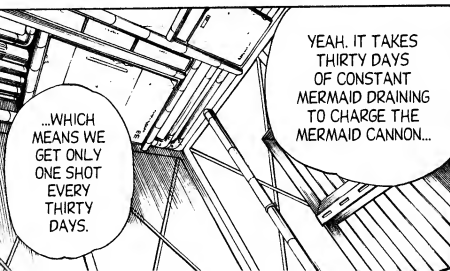
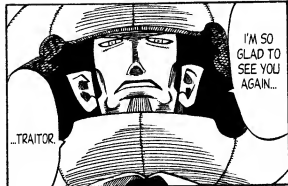


EXACTLY.
I'M OGRE,
THE ONI
COMMANDER.
NICE TO
MEET YA.

THE
DORYU GHOST
ATTACK SQUAD
AND ONIGAMI
HAVE JOINED
FORCES.

DORYU?!


D-D-
D-D-
D-D-





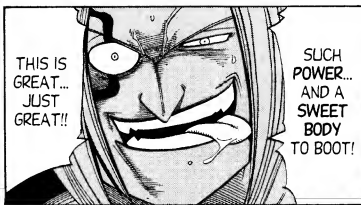
BUT WITH
THIS GIRL'S
MAGIC
POWER, WE
CAN FIRE
MULTIPLE
TIMES PER
DAY!

MMPH!!

MM!!



I'M
TAKIN'
HER
BACK TO
RIVER
SALY.



THIS IS
GREAT...
JUST
GREAT!!

SUCH
POWER...
AND A
SWEET
BODY
TO BOOT!



WE'LL
VAPORIZE
IT AND
THE RAVE
MASTER!

MM!!

MMPH!!

WE'LL
TEST THE
MERMAID
CANNON
ON
SYAORAN
HERE.



YEP!
MAGIC CAN
DO THIS, TOO.
TEMPORARILY,
ANYWAY.

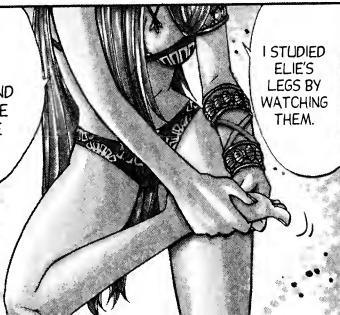
LEGS?!



WELL,
ANYWAY...
LET'S GO
FIND THE
OTHERS.

IT'S A LOT
EASIER
TO RUN AROUND
INSIDE A BASE
IF YOU HAVE
LEGS, HUH?

T-THAT'S
TRUE... BUT
THEY'RE A
LITTLE...
UM...

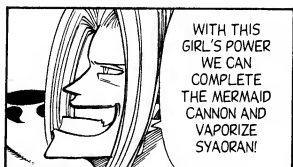
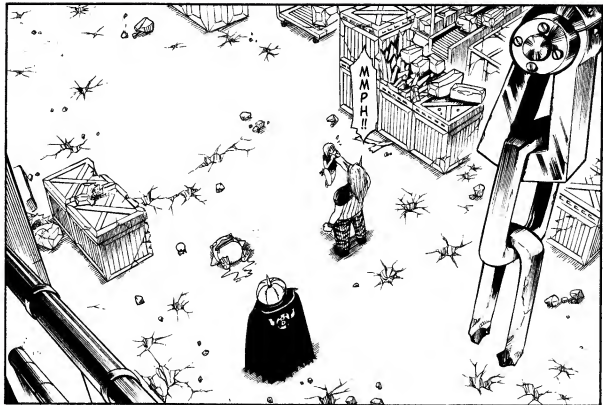


I STUDIED
ELIE'S
LEGS BY
WATCHING
THEM.

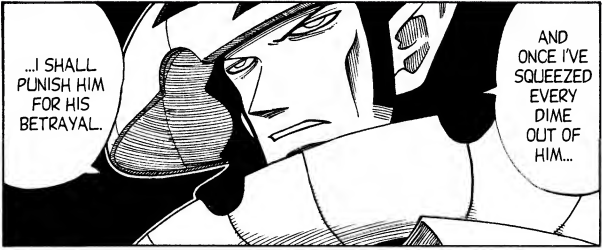
RAVE MASTER







RAVE:111  **DESPAIR REPEATED?!**



...I SHALL
PUNISH HIM
FOR HIS
BETRAYAL.

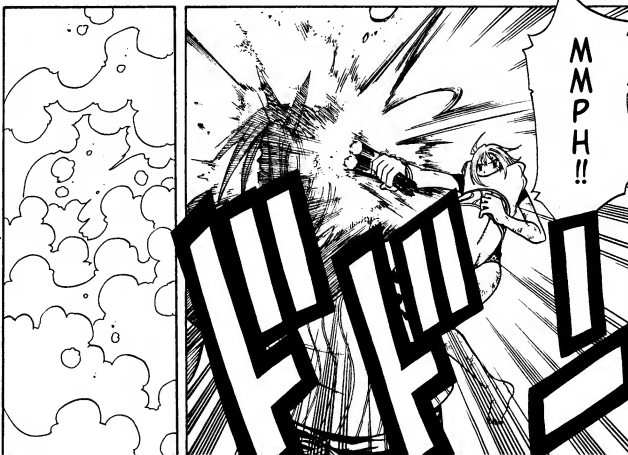
AND
ONCE I'VE
SQUEEZED
EVERY
DIME
OUT OF
HIM...



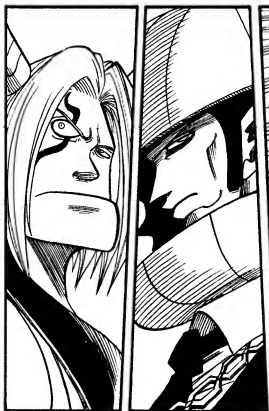
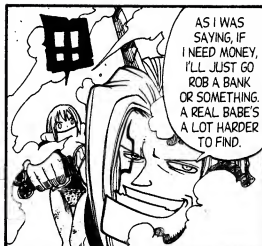
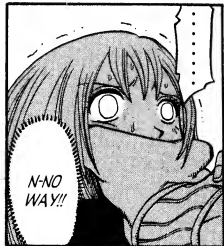
MONEY'S
REQUIRED TO
STRENGTHEN
MILITARIES,
OGRE.



MONEY--
BAH!
WHO NEEDS
IT? I'D
RATHER
STICK WITH
GIRLS.



MMPH!!





LET
GO OF
ELIE.



HEY! YOU
LISTENING,
SCUMBAG?
I SAID,
LET HER
GO.



ELIE, HUH?
BABE'S
EVEN GOT
A CUTE
NAME.



MUSICA!

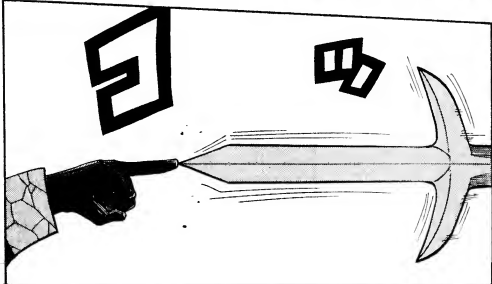


...PUMPKIN
FACE!!

DON'T
MESS
AROUND
WITH
ME...

A
SILVER
CLAIMER,
HUH?

SILVER
SPEAR:
SKY
KREUZ!!

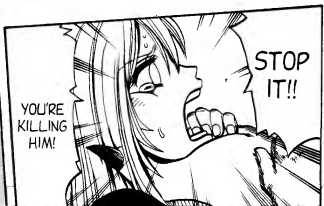
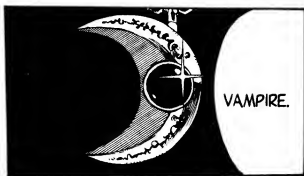






A
FEARSOME
STONE
THAT
CAN
ABSORB
LIVING
FLESH.

MY
MOTHER
DB, A
PIECE OF
SINCLAIRE.



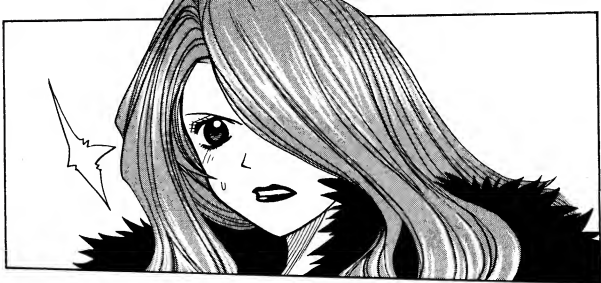


HE HAS
FALLEN
INTO THE
DEEP
DARKNESS.

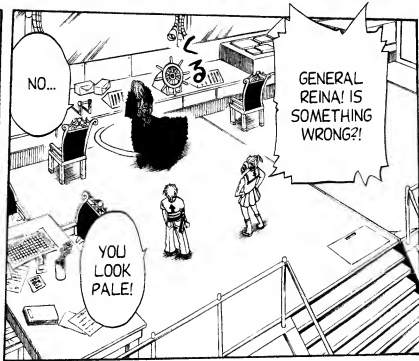
MUSIC
A!!



DEATH
IS ALL
I LIVE
FOR.



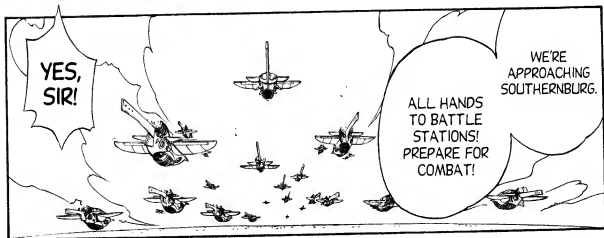
IT'S...
NOTHING.



NO...

GENERAL
REINA! IS
SOMETHING
WRONG?!

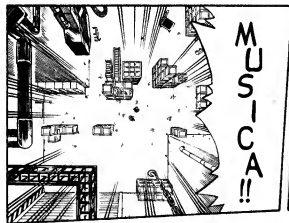
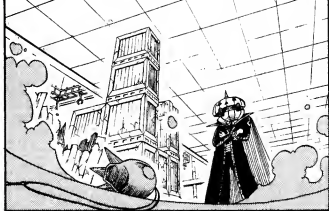
YOU
LOOK
PALE!

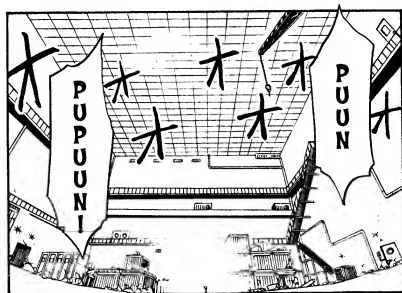
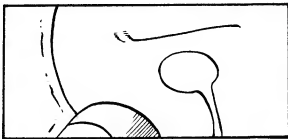
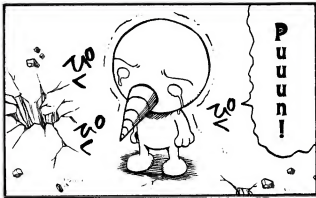
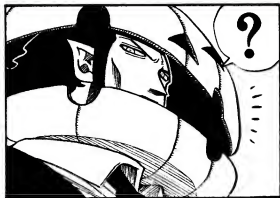


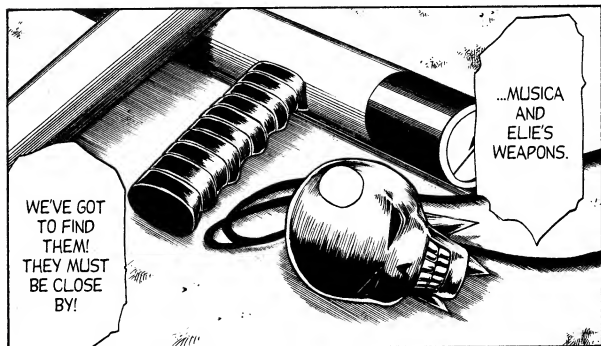
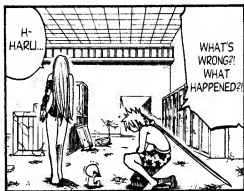
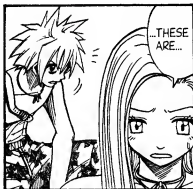
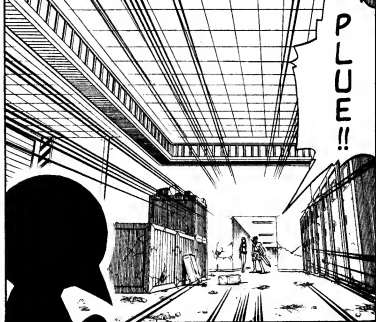
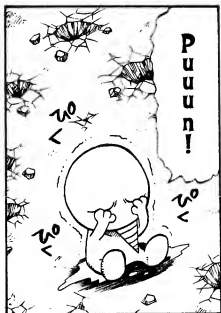
YES,
SIR!

ALL HANDS
TO BATTLE
STATIONS!
PREPARE FOR
COMBAT!

WE'RE
APPROACHING
SOUTHERNBURG.







...SHE
SEEMS
TO HAVE
DISAP-
PEARED.

ELIE
DEFEATED
THE MAN
SHE WAS
FIGHTING,
BUT...

LET!

NO, I'VE
ALREADY
SEARCHED
THE AREA.

MUSICA'S
WORK, I
THINK.

THE
ONI IN
THE NEARBY
PRISON
WERE ALL
UNCONSCIOUS.

PLUE,
WHAT
THE HECK
HAPPENED?!

WHY'D
THEY LEAVE
THEIR WEAPONS
BEHIND?!

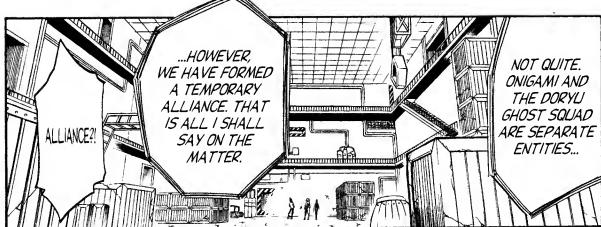
SO
WHY AREN'T
THEY HERE?!

DORYU?!
YOU'RE THE
BOSS OF
THE ONI?!

MY
NAME
IS
DORYU!

ARE
YOU
LISTENING,
RAVE
MASTER?

YOU
SHOULD
KNOW
THE NAME
AT LEAST.



ALLIANCE?!

...HOWEVER,
WE HAVE FORMED
A TEMPORARY
ALLIANCE. THAT
IS ALL I SHALL
SAY ON THE
MATTER.

NOT QUITE.
ONIGAMI AND
THE DORYU
GHOST SQUAD
ARE SEPARATE
ENTITIES...



IF YOU
WANT THEM
BACK, THEN
YOU MUST
DEFEAT ME.

IF
YOU CAN
FIND ME.



WHAT?!

I HAVE
ACQUIRED RUBY
AND SEIZED
THE WOMAN
NAMED
ELIE.



I
HAVE NO
INTENTION
OF
RETURNING
THEM.



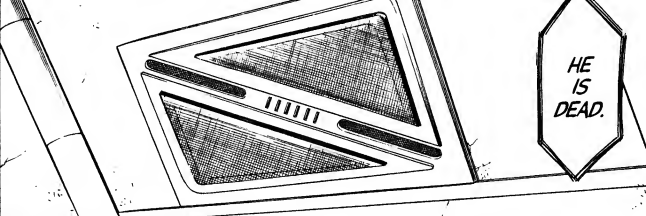
WHAT
ABOUT THE
SILVER
CLAIMER
GUY?!

MUSICA?!

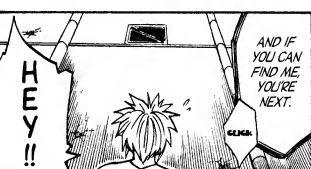
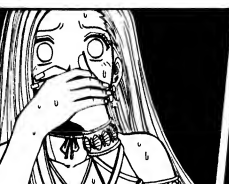
DID YOU
CAPTURE
HIM, TOO?!



GAH!
THAT SON
OF A--!!



HE
IS
DEAD.



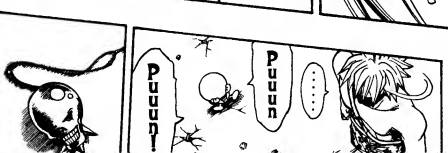
HEY!!

AND IF
YOU CAN
FIND ME,
YOU'RE
NEXT.

GALGA.



NO...



Puun!

Puun

...



Y-YOU
BASTARD!!
YOU'RE
LYING!!

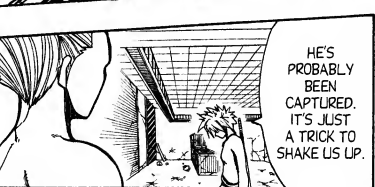


HE
HAS
TO BE
ALIVE!!

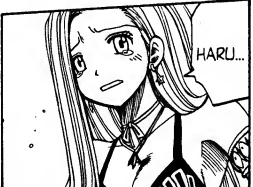
HE'S
NOT
DEAD!!



TO THINK
THAT A
STRONG
FIGHTER
LIKE MUSICA
COULD....!!



HE'S
PROBABLY
BEEN
CAPTURED.
IT'S JUST
A TRICK TO
SHAKE US UP.

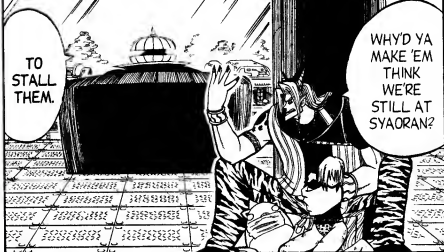


HARU...



I WILL
FIND YOU--
AND MAKE
YOU PAY
FOR
HARMING
MY
FRIENDS!

I WON'T
FORGIVE
YOU,
DORYU...



TO
STALL
THEM.

WHY'D YA
MAKE 'EM
THINK
WE'RE
STILL AT
SYAORAN?



HEY,
DORYU...
WE GOTTA
BE LEAGUES
AWAY FROM
THE BASE
BY NOW.



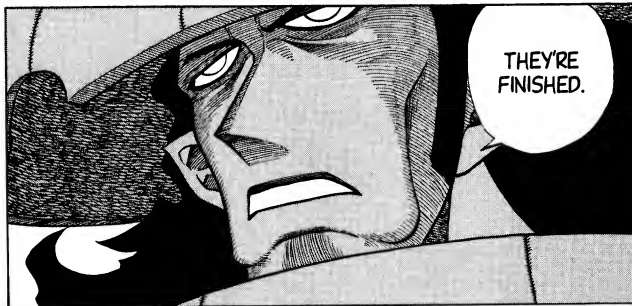
ALL WE
HAVE TO DO
IS ACTIVATE
THE MERMAID
CANNON BEFORE
THEY GET WISE
TO OUR
DEPARTURE.

I
GET
IT!



THE RAVE
MASTER
WILL NOT
LEAVE SO
LONG AS HE
BELIEVES
WE ARE AT
SYAORAN.

HE WILL
CONTINUE TO
SEARCH FOR
THE GIRL.



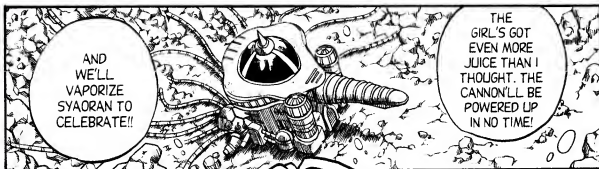
THEY'RE
FINISHED.



RAVE:112  **THE POWER OF SORROW**



Onigami/
Doryu
Joint
HQ
River
Saly



AND
WE'LL
VAPORIZE
SYAORAN TO
CELEBRATE!!

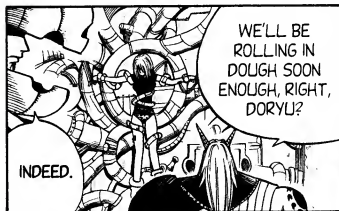
THE
GIRL'S GOT
EVEN MORE
JUICE THAN I
THOUGHT. THE
CANNON'LL BE
POWERED UP
IN NO TIME!



THE
FINANCIAL
LOSSES TO
OUR FORCES
FROM LOSING
THE BASE
WILL BE--

COMMANDER...
DO YOU
REALLY
WANT TO
VAPORIZE
SYAORAN?

TAP
TAP



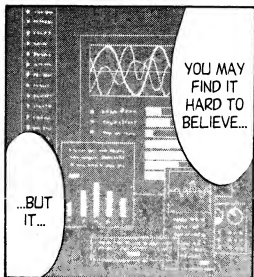
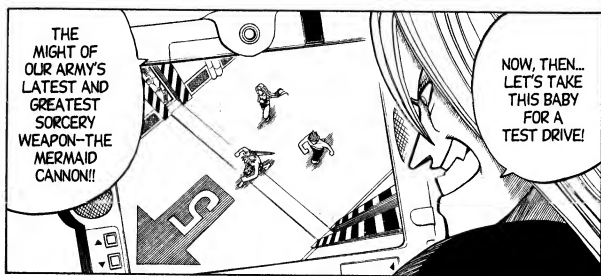
INDEED.

WE'LL BE
ROLLING IN
DOUGH SOON
ENOUGH, RIGHT,
DORYU?



LET
IT BURN,
LET IT
BURN!!

Gah ha ha ha ha!





...COMPRESSES
ITS TARGET
INTO
COMPLETE
NOTHINGNESS.

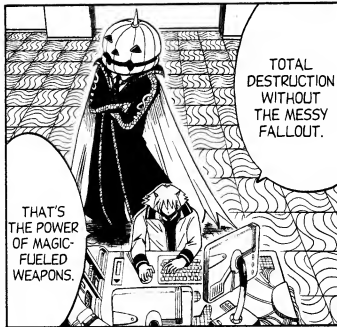


REALLY...



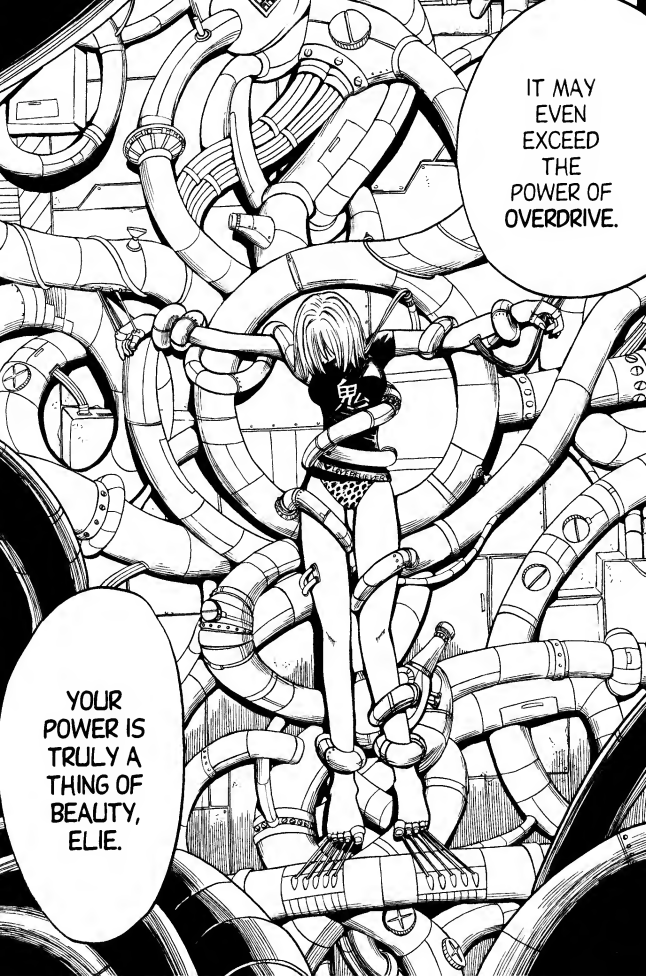
AND
NOW OUR
MAGIC
SUPPLY IS
LIMITLESS.

GEH
HEH
HEH
HEH...



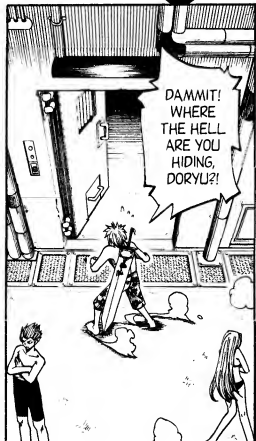
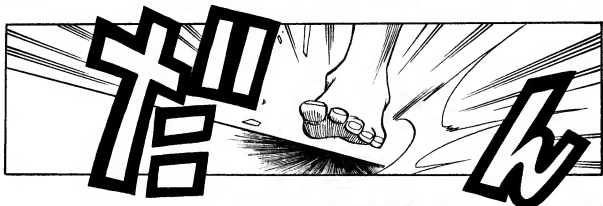
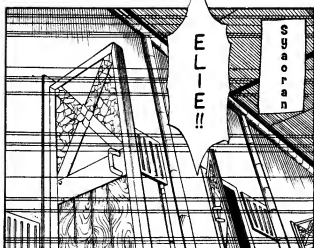
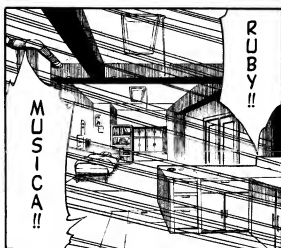
TOTAL
DESTRUCTION
WITHOUT
THE MESSY
FALLOUT.

THAT'S
THE POWER
OF MAGIC-
FUELED
WEAPONS.



IT MAY
EVEN
EXCEED
THE
POWER OF
OVERDRIVE.

YOUR
POWER IS
TRULY A
THING OF
BEAUTY,
ELIE.





WE CAN'T
STOP LOOKING
UNTIL WE'VE
FOUND OUR
FRIENDS.

You
heard the
man! Search!!
Search!!

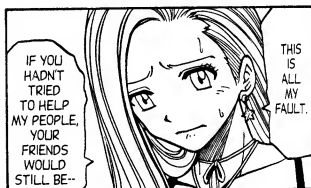


WHAT?!

Y-Y-
Y-YES,
SIR!

HARU...
DON'T BE
ABSRD.

ALL RIGHT,
YOU SOPS!
UNLESS YOU
WANT ANOTHER
BEATING, YOU'RE
GONNA HELP
US TURN THIS
PLACE INSIDE
OUT!



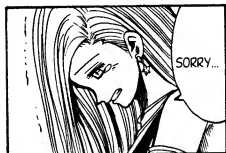
IF YOU
HADN'T
TRIED
TO HELP
MY PEOPLE,
YOUR
FRIENDS
WOULD
STILL BE--

THIS
IS
ALL
MY
FAULT.



EH?

HARU...
I'M...
SORRY...



SORRY...



I'M
SORRY...!



DON'T GIVE
UP YET!!
THEY'VE
GOTTA
BE HERE
SOME-
WHERE!!





HE
HAS
TO BE
ALIVE!!

THERE'S
NO WAY
HE'S
DEAD!!



YOU
SHOULDN'T
YELL AT
HER
LIKE
THAT.



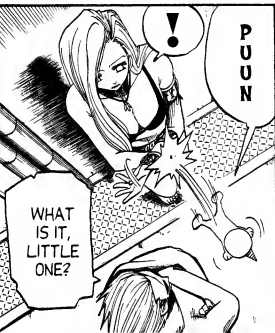
LET
IT GO,
HARU.

STOP
CRYING!!



Sob...
sob...

I'M
SORRY...



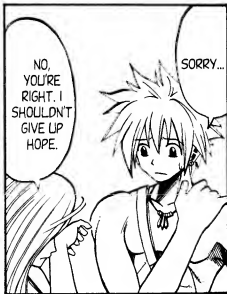
!

P
U
N

WHAT
IS IT,
LITTLE
ONE?

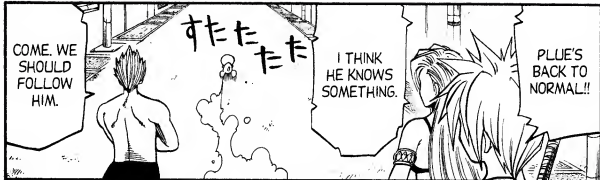


THIS
WHOLE
THING
SMELLS
LIKE A
TRAP.



NO,
YOU'RE
RIGHT. I
SHOULDN'T
GIVE UP
HOPE.

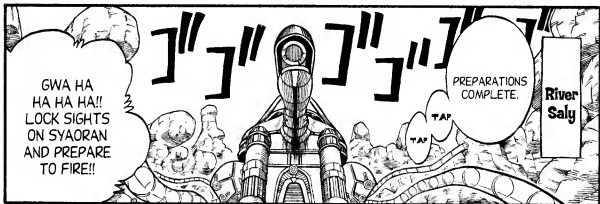
SORRY...



COME. WE
SHOULD
FOLLOW
HIM.

I THINK
HE KNOWS
SOMETHING.

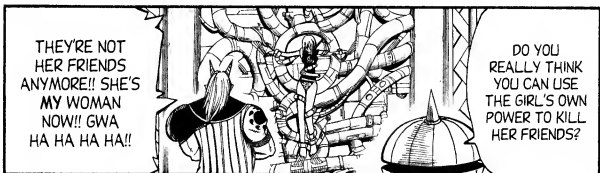
PLUE'S
BACK TO
NORMAL!!



GWA HA
HA HA HA!!
LOCK SIGHTS
ON SYAORAN
AND PREPARE
TO FIRE!!

PREPARATIONS
COMPLETE.

River
Saly



THEY'RE NOT
HER FRIENDS
ANYMORE!! SHE'S
MY WOMAN
NOW!! GWA
HA HA HA HA!!

DO YOU
REALLY THINK
YOU CAN USE
THE GIRL'S OWN
POWER TO KILL
HER FRIENDS?



PLEASE...
NO MORE...

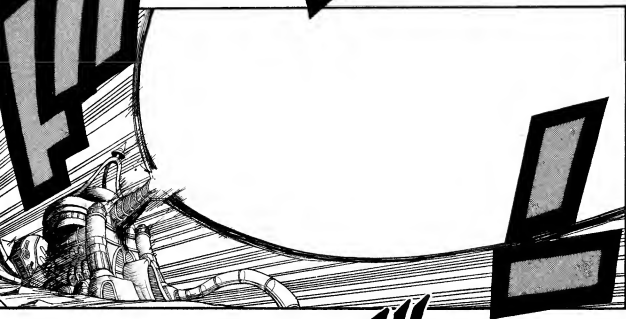
NO...



STOP...

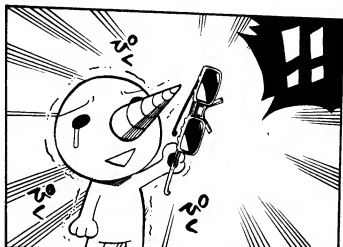


A
A
H
!!



S-SUCH
POWER! IT'S
ANNIHILATING
EVERYTHING IN
ITS PATH!





ELIE,
MUSICA
AND RUBY
ARE NOT
HERE. NOR
IS DORYU.

WE'VE
BEEN
TRICKED.

RIGHT!

AFTER
THEM!

DORYU
MUST'VE RUN
OFF WITH
THEM WHILE
MAKING
US THINK
THEY WERE
STILL HERE!

WHA--?!
TH-THEN
WHERE
ARE...?

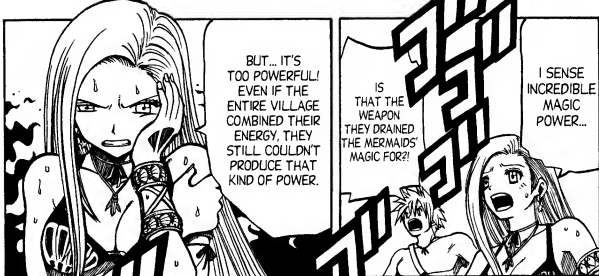
IT'S
HEADING
STRAIGHT
FOR THE
BASE!

WHAT...
IS
THAT...?

LOOK-OVER
THERE!!

EVERY-
ONE!!

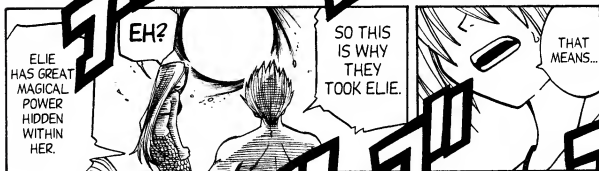
I CAN'T
BELIEVE
WE FELL
FOR IT!



BUT... IT'S
TOO POWERFUL!
EVEN IF THE
ENTIRE VILLAGE
COMBINED THEIR
ENERGY, THEY
STILL COULDN'T
PRODUCE THAT
KIND OF POWER.

IS
THAT THE
WEAPON
THEY DRAINED
THE MERMAIDS'
MAGIC FOR?!

I SENSE
INCREDIBLE
MAGIC
POWER...



ELIE
HAS GREAT
MAGICAL
POWER
HIDDEN
WITHIN
HER.

EH?

SO THIS
IS WHY
THEY
TOOK ELIE.

THAT
MEANS...



WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?!
HURRY!!

ELIE...

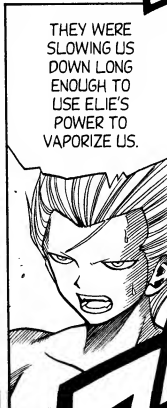


LOOK... GET
AS FAR
AWAY AS
POSSIBLE.



YEAH!!

ANYWAY,
WE CAN'T
STAY HERE!
RUN!! AS
FAR AS YOU
CAN!!



THEY WERE
SLOWING US
DOWN LONG
ENOUGH TO
USE ELIE'S
POWER TO
VAPORIZE US.

...STOP
THAT
THING.

I'LL...

HE'S
RIGHT! WE
HAVE TO
FLEE!

FOOL!
WHAT ARE
YOU THINKING?!
EVEN RUINE SAVE
CAN'T HANDLE
THAT!!

I SYMPATHIZE,
BUT IT'S TOO
RECKLESS!! WE
CAN STILL
ESCAPE IT!!

ELIE
COULD NEVER
FORGIVE
HERSELF IF
HER POWER
WAS USED TO
KILL. I HAVE
TO STOP IT.

USING THE
MERMAIDS'
AND ELIE'S
MAGIC TO FUEL
A WEAPON...
THAT'S JUST
NOT RIGHT.

CHAK

COME
!!

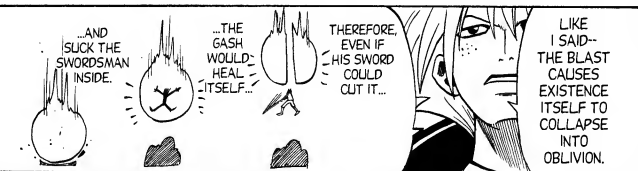


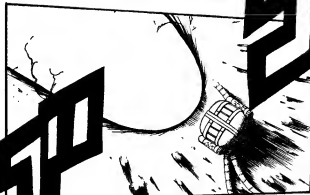
I'M
NOT
RUNNING
!!

THAT
THING'S
FILLED
WITH
ELIE'S
SADNESS!!
IT HAS
TO BE
DESTROYED!!



THE RAVE SWORD CAN CUT MAGIC... WHAT IF HE ATTEMPTS TO CUT THIS?





DON'T
!!

HARU!!

IT'S MY
MAGIC
POWER...

鬼

LOVE & C.



...SO
IT'LL
DO AS
I SAY!!



SHUT
THAT
GIRL
UP,
NOW!!

BUT WE
DRAINED
SO MUCH
MAGIC FROM
HER!!

WH-
WHAT
?!



...I'M
GETTING
VAPORIZED
BY THIS
THING!!

THERE'S
NO
WAY...

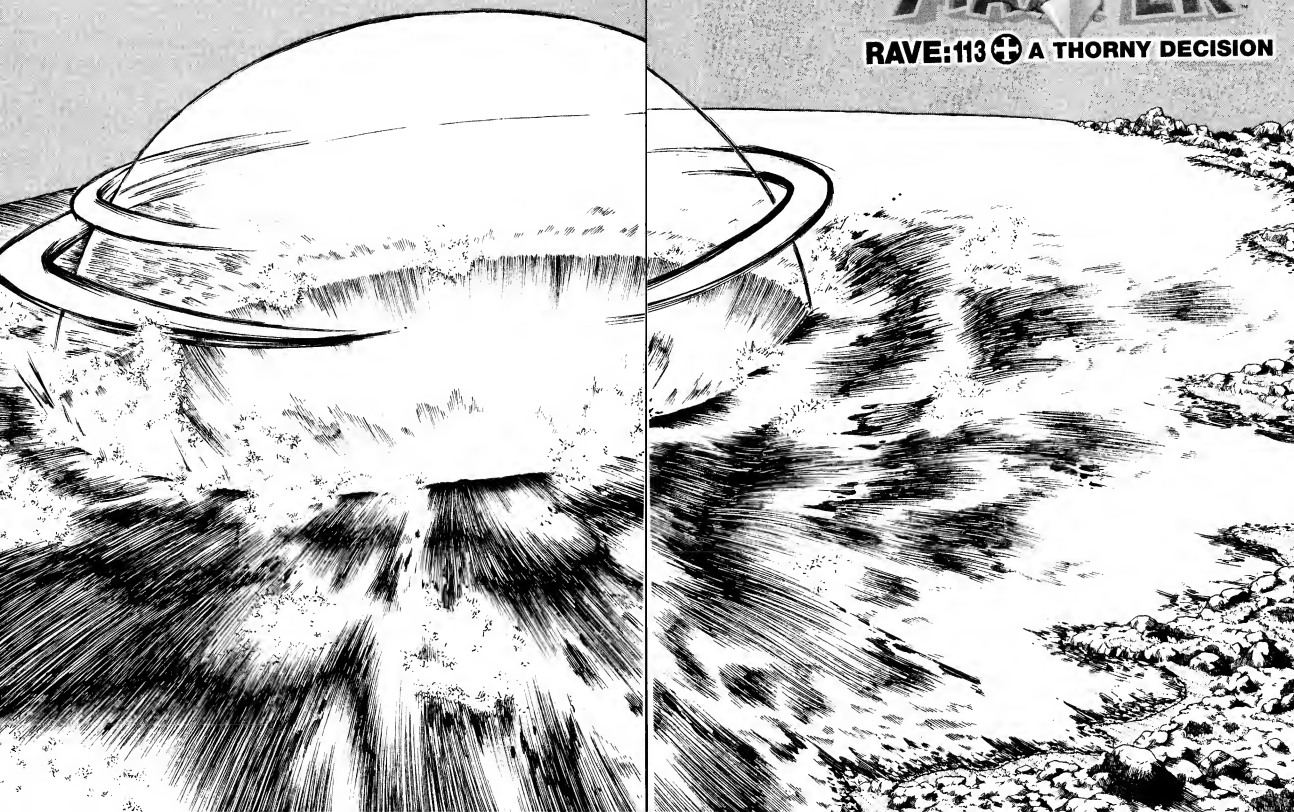
ELIE!!

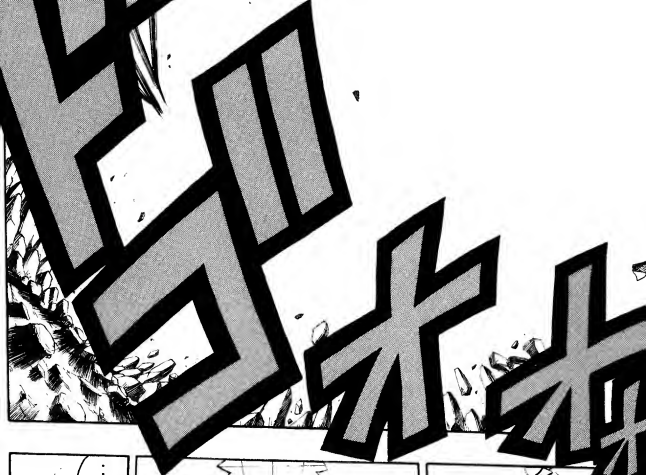
HARU!!



RAVE MASTER

RAVE:113 ⊕ A THORNY DECISION



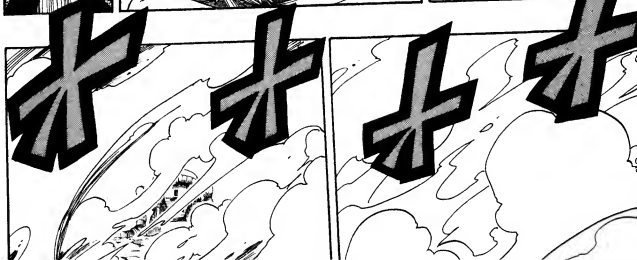


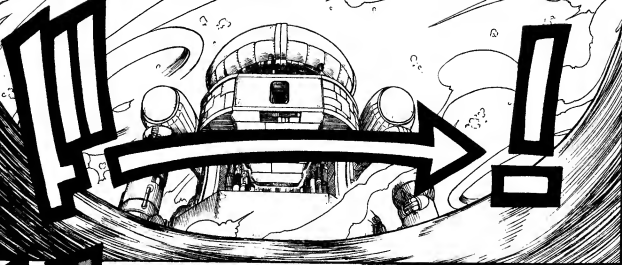
...LEAVES
NOTHING
BEHIND!!



YES!
THE MIGHT
OF THE
MERMAID
CANNON...

IT'S TOO
LATE!
LOOK!
GWA HA
HA
HA HA!!





WHAT
HAPPENED
TO THE
BLAST?!



THAT'S
NOT
POSSIBLE!



SYAORAN
IS STILL
THERE!!

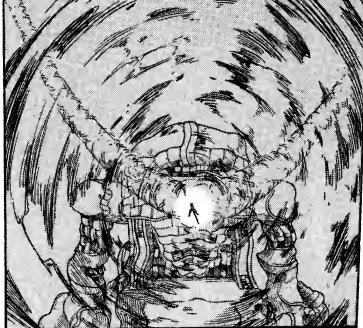
WHAT?!



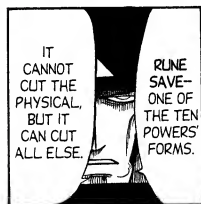
IT
SPLIT?!

IT
CAN'T
DO
THAT!!





HE CUT IT.



IT CANNOT CUT THE PHYSICAL, BUT IT CAN CUT ALL ELSE.

RUNE SAVE-ONE OF THE TEN POWERS' FORMS.



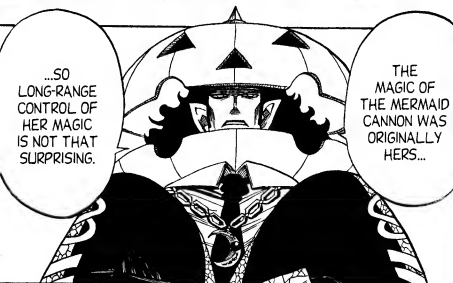
B-BUT... IT CAN'T BE CUT!!



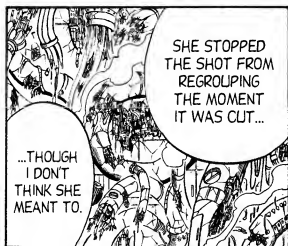
WHY DID IT STAY SPLIT?

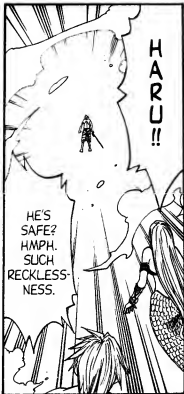
BUT THE CANNON'S SHOT SHOULD'VE REJOINED!!

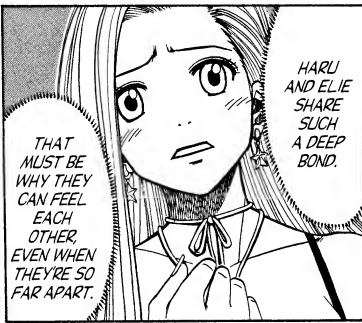
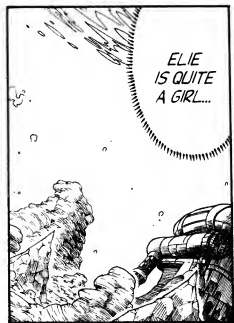


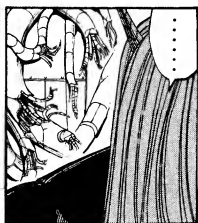
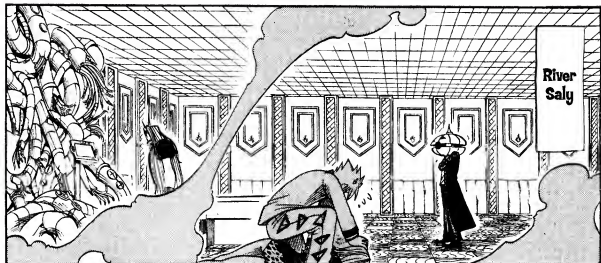


IT CAN'T BE... THE
RAVE MASTER
DESTROYED THE
MERMAID CANNON'S
POWER IN AN
INSTANT?!











YOU
DARE
MOCK
ME?!

WHY
YOU--!!

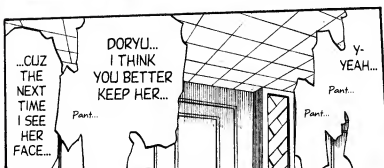
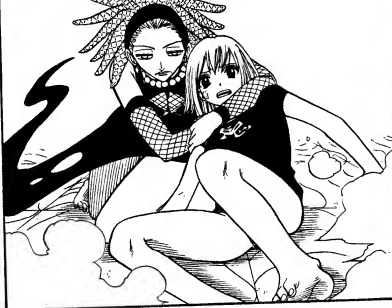


C-
COMMAN-
DER!!

I'LL
KILL
YOU!!



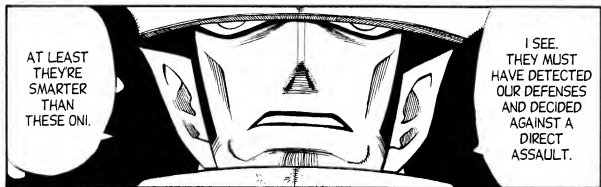
ST-
2-1-2-3...





MASTER DORYU! DC FORCES HAVE VANISHED FROM RADAR!

FOOLS. I NEVER SHOULD HAVE ALLIED WITH THEM.

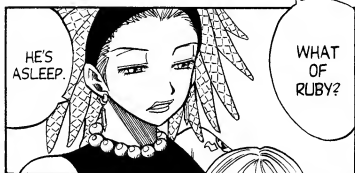


AT LEAST THEY'RE SMARTER THAN THESE ONI.

I SEE. THEY MUST HAVE DETECTED OUR DEFENSES AND DECIDED AGAINST A DIRECT ASSAULT.

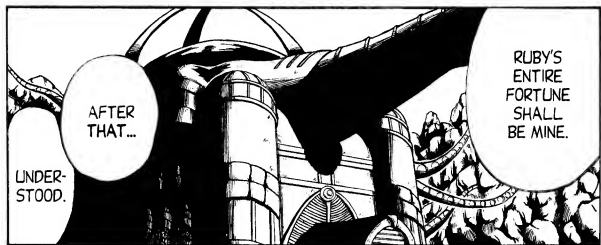


WAKE HIM.



HE'S ASLEEP.

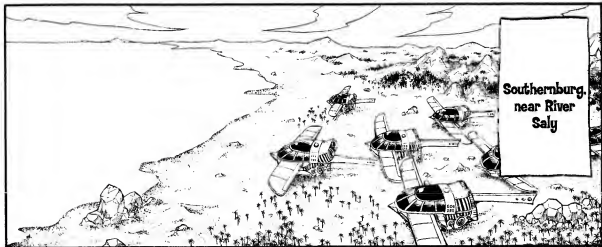
WHAT OF RUBY?



AFTER THAT...

UNDERSTOOD.

RUBY'S ENTIRE FORTUNE SHALL BE MINE.

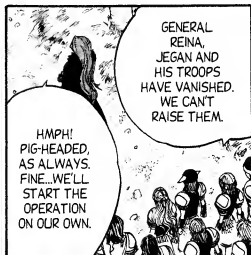


Southernburg,
near River
Saly



THE BRAT
WON'T
TOLERATE
FAILURE.

EVERYBODY,
GIVE IT
YOUR
ALL.



GENERAL
REINA,
JEGAN AND
HIS TROOPS
HAVE VANISHED.
WE CAN'T
RAISE THEM.

HMPH!
PIG-HEADED,
AS ALWAYS.
FINE...WE'LL
START THE
OPERATION
ON OUR OWN.



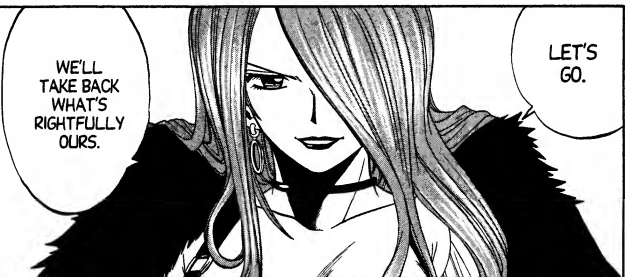
OUR
OBJECTIVE
IS TO RECOVER
THE SINCLAIRES
THAT DORYU
AND OGRE
POSSESS.



SOPRA,
RANGE, ARE
YOU READY?



YES,
SIR!!



...Haru and
friends
head
toward
River Saly.

WE'RE
NOT
THERE
YET?!

Meanwhile,
back in
the sub...



I CAN'T
HELP
IT!!

WE'LL BE
FIGHTING
SOON
ENOUGH.

BEATING UP
THE WALL
WON'T GET
US THERE
FASTER.



DAMMIT!
CAN'T WE
GO ANY
FASTER?!

I'VE
GOTTA
MAKE
'EM
PAY!



AND IF
DEMON
CARD SHOWS
UP--
WE'RE
FINISHED.

BUT CAN
WE BEAT
ONIGAMI
AND
DORYU ON
OUR OWN?



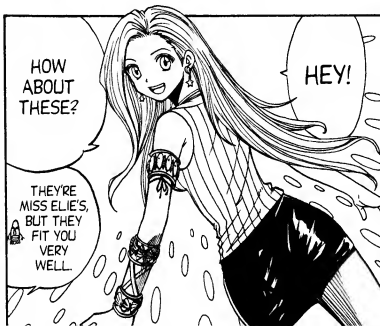
HEY,
BRO...CHEER
UP! HAVE
SOMETHING
TO EAT!

THAT'S
GOOD!

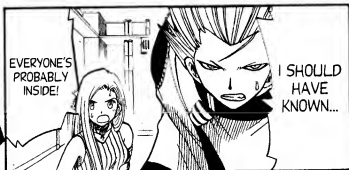
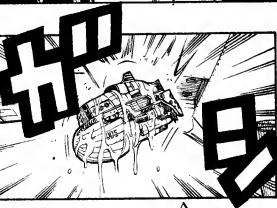
HOW
ABOUT
THESE?

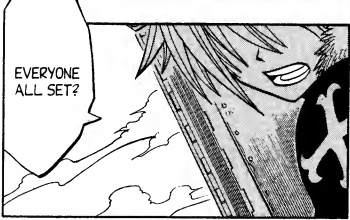
THEY'RE
MISS ELIE'S,
BUT THEY
FIT YOU
VERY
WELL.

HEY!





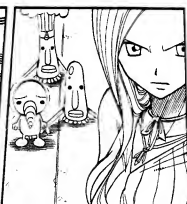




EVERYONE
ALL SET?



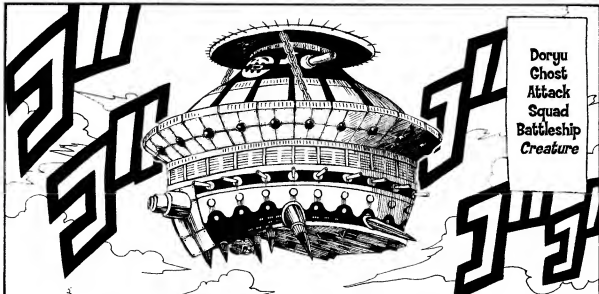
COME,
RAVE
MASTER...



IT'S
TIME TO
SAVE OUR
FRIENDS!!

WE'RE
GOIN'
ABOARD!!





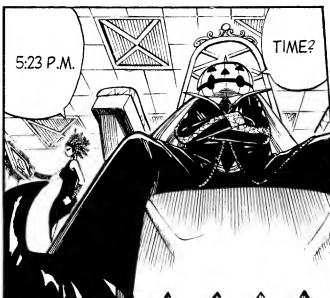
Doryu
Ghost
Attack
Squad
Battleship
Creature



LORD
DORYU,
THE RAVE
MASTER
IS COMING
ABOARD.

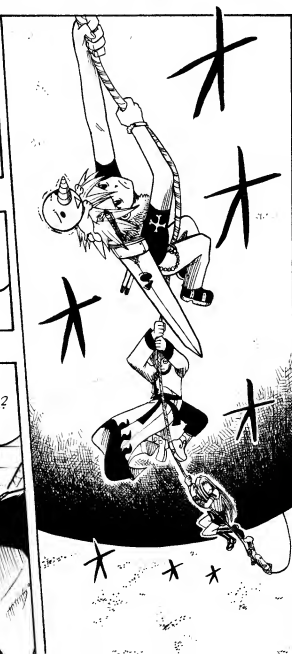


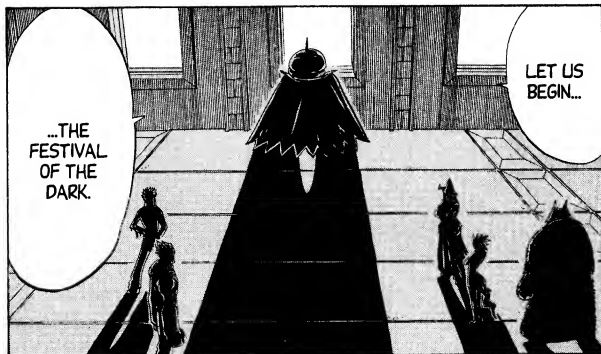
I SEE.



5:23 P.M.

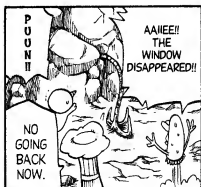
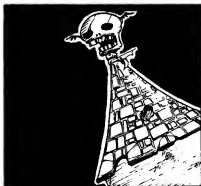
TIME?





WHAT'S
THIS?!



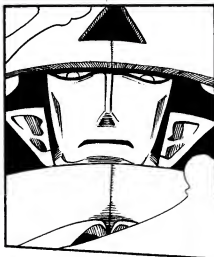




WELCOME...

I AM
DORYU.

...TO MY
CREATURE,
MY
BATTLESHIP.





A
WORLD OF
ETERNAL
DARKNESS!!



A
WORLD
WHERE
THE SUN
NEVER
RISES!

WITHIN,
THERE IS NEITHER
SOUND, WARMTH,
ENERGY, NOR
DAYLIGHT.

IT
IS A
PITCH
BLACK,
SILENT
WORLD.

IT
IS THE
WORLD I
YEARN TO
CREATE.

I JUST
WANT MY
FRIENDS
BACK!!

I DON'T
CARE
ABOUT
YOUR
DELUSSIONS!

RUBY WAS
ORIGINALLY
MY COMRADE.
I INTEND
TO KEEP
HIM.

I TOLD YOU...THE
SILVER MASTER
IS ALREADY
ONE WITH
THE DARKNESS.

WHY
YOU...

...WITH SUCH
TITANIC
MAGICAL
POWER,
SHE WILL
PROVE
MOST
USEFUL.

AS
FOR THE
GIRL,
ELIE...

ONCE I
FIND OUT
HOW TO USE
HER, SHE WILL
GIVE ME EVEN
GREATER DARK
POWER.



DO YOU
UNDERSTAND?
YOUR DEATH
SHALL HAVE
GREAT
MEANING.

AND
THEN...
I WILL
SLAY
YOU.



I SHALL
GIVE YOU A
GLIMPSE
OF TRUE
DARKNESS,
RAVE
MASTER.



...A
DARKNESS
JUST AS
GREAT
SHALL BE
BORN.

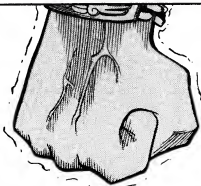
WHEN
SUCH A
BRIGHT LIGHT
VANISHES
FROM THIS
WORLD...



YOUR
WORLD
WILL DIE...
AND MINE
WILL RISE!

WHEN
YOU DIE,
THE WORLD
OF
DARKNESS
SHALL BE
BIRTHED.

...WAS
JUST TO
CREATE THIS
WORLD OF
DARKNESS?



SO ALL
THE EVIL
YOU'VE
DONE...

...BUT
YOU JUST
USED HIM.
AND NOW
YOU'RE
GONNA USE
HIM AGAIN.

HE'S MY
FATHER'S
FRIEND,
POYO!!

DORYU'S
NOT A
BAD GUY,
POYO!!

RUBY
ALWAYS
BELIEVED
IN YOU...

HARU...



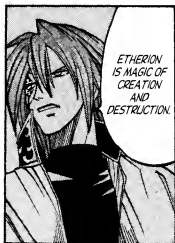
AND
ELIE...

HE DIED
QUICKLY
AND
EASILY.

YOU
TALK ABOUT
MUSICA'S
DEATH LIKE
IT'S NOTHING...

AFTER
ALL THAT
SHE WENT
THROUGH...

HIS LIFE
HAD
NO VALUE.

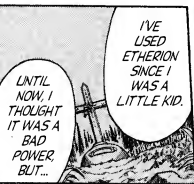


ETHERION
IS MAGIC OF
CREATION
AND
DESTRUCTION.



I...

...CAN'T BE
ALLOWED
TO LIVE...?



I'VE
USED
ETHERION
SINCE I
WAS A
LITTLE KID.

UNTIL
NOW, I
THOUGHT
IT WAS A
BAD
POWER,
BUT...

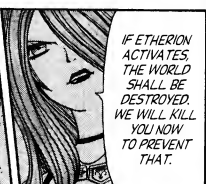


INDEED,
THE
GIRL IS
DANGER-
OUS.

NOW
IS THE
TIME TO
KILL
HER.



WHY ME...?



IF ETHERION
ACTIVATES,
THE WORLD
SHALL BE
DESTROYED.
WE WILL KILL
YOU NOW
TO PREVENT
THAT.



AFTER
ALL
THAT...

...AFTER
SHE
FINALLY
CAME TO
TERMS
WITH
IT ALL...



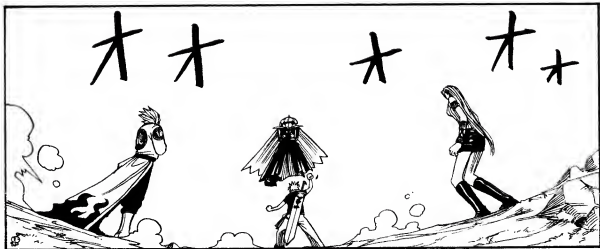
...FROM
NOW ON,
I'LL TREASURE
THIS POWER.

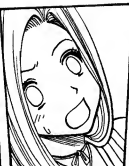
I'M
SURE
WE'LL BE
GOOD
FRIENDS.



I'LL
NEVER
FORGIVE
YOU FOR
THIS!!

...YOU
HAD TO
STOMP
ALL
OVER
HER!!





I AM
IN THE
INNERMOST
SANCTUM.



DO YOU
REALLY
THINK I
WOULD
FACE YOU
ON YOUR
OWN
TERMS?

YOU
ARE NOT
WORTHY.

...IF
YOU
CAN.

YOU MAY
COME
AND FACE
ME
THERE...

I'M
NOT DONE
WITH YOU
YET!!

DORYU!!
GET
BACK
HERE!!

IT'S
PROBABLY
ONE OF
DORYU'S
MINIONS!!

STAY
ALERT!!

HARU!
FOCUS ON
THE ENEMY
AT HAND!!

ENEMY
PRESENCE!!
SOMEONE'S
CLOSE!!

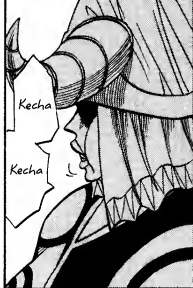
DORYU!!



WHAT IS IT, GRIFF?



OVER THERE!!



IT IS SAID THE EMPIRE EXECUTED HIM FIFTEEN YEARS AGO...



Y-YES... B-BUT IT CAN'T BE!

GRIFF... YOU RECOGNIZE HIM, TOO?



...HE IS THE MOST FEARSOME OF MASS MURDERERS.

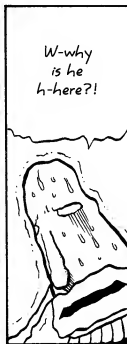


IF MY EYES DO NOT MISTAKE ME...



EXECUTED?

WHO IS HE?



W-why is he h-here?!

PING-PONG!!

Kecha
Kecha

COOKIE
CRUSHER
!!

Beryu Ghost
Attack Squad
COOKIE CRUSHER

THE EMPIRE
CAPTURED AND
EXECUTED HIM
AFTER HE MURDERED
OVER A THOUSAND
PEOPLE, DIDN'T IT?

HOW
CAN HE
BE ALIVE?

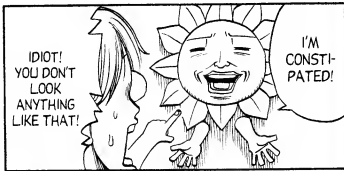
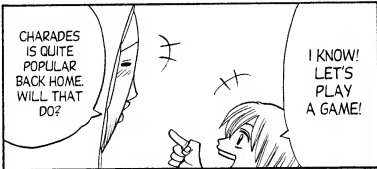
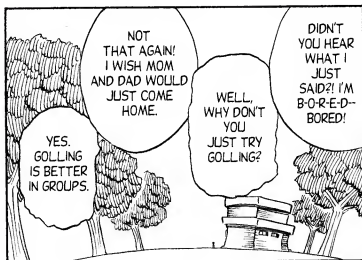
IF
THE
REPORTS
ARE TRUE,
HE CAN
BREAK
PEOPLE
INTO PIECES
WITH HIS
BARE
HANDS!

THIS
WON'T
BE EASY...

...PLEASED
TO MEETCHA!

YO!
I'M HERE
TO KILL
YOU,
AND ALL,
BUT
FIRST...

TO BE CONTINUED



"AFTERWORDS"

I'VE BEEN SO BUSY LATELY MY EYES ARE SPINNING. I TOOK ON SO MANY SIDE JOBS THAT I FORGOT ABOUT MY DEADLINE. (OUCH!)

IT'S FUN TO BE BUSY, THOUGH. IT FEELS GOOD TO BE LIVING LIFE TO ITS FULLEST.

WHEN I WAS IN SCHOOL I HAD WAY, WAY, WAY TOO MUCH TIME! IN HINDSIGHT, I THINK I WAS ALWAYS PREPARING MYSELF FOR MANGA, BUT AT THE TIME I WAS THINKING I'D END UP WITH A BAD CROWD. YOU KNOW, HANGING OUT WITH FRIENDS, DOING BAD THINGS TOGETHER... NOT EXACTLY HIGH AMBITIONS. BUT HERE I AM, A MANGA ARTIST!! AND A BAD ONE AT THAT. (HEH HEH...)

WHEN I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL I DIDN'T REALLY HAVE ANY BIG, VAGUE DREAMS THAT I WANTED TO FOLLOW. I REGRET THAT NOW. I SHOULD'VE SPENT MY SPARE TIME STUDYING MORE MANGA!! WELL, IN MY LAST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL, STUFF HAPPENED AND I GOT SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY. IN THE END, MY TEACHERS AND FRIENDS BAILED ME OUT AND I GOT TO GRADUATE AFTER ALL. IT WAS THE BIGGEST INCIDENT IN MY LIFE TO DATE. I THOUGHT ABOUT MY FUTURE FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME. NOT "I WANNA BE A MANGA ARTIST," BUT, "I WILL BE A MANGA ARTIST!!" SO, I RELOCATED TO TOKYO AS SOON AS I GRADUATED AND DREW MANGA EVERY DAY AFTER I GOT OFF WORK AT MY PART-TIME JOB--AND I'VE BEEN BUSY EVER SINCE (〜〜)!

HEY...YOU ALL HAD BETTER THINK SERIOUSLY ABOUT **YOUR DREAMS**. JUST REMEMBER YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD MANGA ARTIST WHEN YOU DO...

- HIRO MASHIMA

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